

FIRST FLIGHT BY GOOSE RIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington



TASTING NOTES: The 2022 First Flight Cabernet Sauvignon reveals concentrated, deep aromas of soy and hoisin, accented by vibrant red fruits and blueberries with subtle hints of mocha and tomato leaf. The palate is broad and full, dominated by blueberry and plum flavors underscored by a mineral edge. The mid-palate is taut, dense, and coiled with energy. The finish is intense, showcasing dark, savory, and spicy notes leaving a lasting impression.

VITICULTURE: The grapes for this blend were hand-harvested and gently processed into small vessels for fermentation. Fermentations were managed to regulate the development of concentrated flavors and soft tannins. The wines were aged in French oak (40% new & 60% neutral barrels) selected to express and frame the beautiful fruit with a nuanced oak character. Each barrel included in this wine was carefully selected for its balance of power and elegance. The wine spent 22 months in barrels before bottling.

VINIFICATION: Sourced from premier high-elevation blocks, each lot is fermented in small batches with native yeast to highlight concentrated fruit and mineral tension. The wine is aged for 16 months in 100% French oak (30% new), with three rackings, and select barrels are chosen to further enhance depth and complexity.

INTERESTING FACT: Goose Ridge Estate Winery is certified by Sustainable WA, a 3rd party sustainability program for Washington grape growers. Sustainable WA is a framework of best management practices that focus on the three pillars of sustainability; environmental responsibility, social equity, and economic viability. Goose Ridge was one of the first to gain the certification.

FAMILY: In the early 1900s, M.L. Monson brought his family to the Yakima Valley. He came with a love for the land and the dream of building a family farming business that would continue for generations.

The family's initial focus was on orchards and cattle, but after talking with Dr. Walter Clore, the visionary behind Washington's wine industry, Arvid Monson built on his father's legacy in establishing vineyards on the arid hills and in the valleys around Richland. That became Goose Ridge Estate Vineyards & Winery. Today, Goose Ridge is one of the most renowned and progressive of Washington State's nearly 1,000 wineries.

PRODUCER: Goose Ridge

REGION: Goose Gap AVA, Columbia Valley, Washington

GRAPE(S): 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot,
2% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.5 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: .62

pH: 3.8 G/L