

2019
PROPRIETARY
ROCK
Red Blend



COLUMBIA VALLEY

40% Merlot
40% Malbec
20% Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Estate Grown
Double D Vineyard

Proprietary Rock gets its name from the prolific glacial river cobbles found throughout our LIVE and Salmon-Safe certified Double D Vineyard, located alongside the Columbia River in Orondo, Washington. Rocky Pond's irrigation pond holds 1.1 million gallons of water and is lined with these cobbles. The flagship vineyard is named after the original "DD" (David Dufenhorst) and has a north-facing slope with 55 acres of Bordeaux and Rhône varieties planted between 700 and 940 feet. This is one of the hottest sites in Washington, with similar heat units to Red Mountain.

TERROIR

The bedrock is migmatitic tonalite gneiss formed during the Missoula Floods. The glacial outwash and redeposited river cobbles are mostly granitic, but there is basalt present as well. Wind-blown sand and silt were carried back to the area topsoil over the last 14,000 years from previous flooding and glacial erosion down the Columbia River channel. DD soil type is defined as pogue cobbly fine sandy loam.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was excellent. A long winter led to a slight but advantageous delay in bud break, decreasing the spring frost risk by shortening the window of the growing season. The season caught up by June and kept tracking above the long-term average for heat in our area. It was a classic eastern Washington harvest for timing, with our Merlot picked in the first ten days of October, the Malbec in mid-October, and the Cabernet Sauvignon in the last days of October and into early November, benefitting from extended hang time.

VINIFICATION

After hand-harvesting and hand-sorting, we began whole berry fermentation for the Cabernet Sauvignon using stainless steel, 5-ton fermenters with twice-daily pump overs until dry. With the Malbec and Merlot, we used 1.5-ton box fermenters, with daily punch downs for 10-14 days. All wines were barrel-aged for 21 months in 25% new French oak.

Harvest Date:
Oct 7th, 9th, 28th &
Nov 2nd, 2021

Cellar Aging:
21 months in 25% new
French oak

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH/TA: 3.74 / 5.8 g/L

WINEMAKER NOTES

Not your typical Bordeaux Blend, the Proprietary Rock leads with equal parts Malbec and Merlot, with its structure coming from 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. This 100% estate blend from Double D Vineyard is medium to deep ruby in color, with aromas of cassis, sage, and black and red fruits. On the palate, notes of dark cherry, mineral, and cola abound. Approachable now.



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