

## 2019 Klipsun Cabernet Sauvignon

In the spring of 2017, the Terlato family purchased the renowned Klipsun Vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA of Washington State. Two years later, after significant investments in the property, they presented the inaugural vintage of Klipsun Vineyard Cabernet, under the newly created Klipsun brand.

Planted in 1984, Klipsun Vineyards is known for its powerful and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. From its inception, grapes from Klipsun have been purchased by an elite group of Washington wineries including Quilceda Creek, Seven Hills, Col Solare, Betz Family and others.

### We are delighted to share our fourth vintage of Klipsun Cabernet: 2019

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES:** Handpicked, crushed, de-stemmed and fermented in open top fermenters and hand-punched down 2-3 times daily. An average of 10-14 days "on skins" keeping free run juice separate from the press wine. Premium French oak barrels were selected with very tight grain wood that was air dried for a longer period of time than normal. A portion of the wine was allowed to spontaneously ferment, while other fractions were fermented with selected natural yeasts. No fining and only coarse filtration so the wine does not appear cloudy in bottle, but not fine enough to remove flavor & mouth feel components.

**APPELLATION:** Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA

**VARIETALS:** 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 7% Syrah

**COLOR:** Dark red with purple hues

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%

**AGING:** 20 months in 100% new French oak, 14 months in bottle

**CASES MADE:** 1,166 six-pack cases

**SRP:** \$165



**BLENDING NOTES:** The Cabernet Sauvignon is very complex, with rich overtones of dark berry fruit and attractive mulberry and olallieberry aromas. The Merlot shows its characteristic bright fruit with a lovely, mouth filling mid-palate richness. We chose to blend in 7% Merlot this year, to balance the brightness of the Merlot with the berry fruit aromas of the Cabernet. We traditionally add some of Klipsun's amazing Syrah to add spice and earthiness and 2018 was no exception. The 7% Syrah adds just the right amount of complexity and doesn't get in the way of the beautiful Cabernet.

**AROMA:** The up-front fruit aroma of blackberry, mulberry and olallieberry are interlaced with a spicy oak note. As the wine ages in the bottle the oak & fruit aromas will meld into a complex medley of herbs and minerals which are trademarks of the Red Mountain AVA.

**TASTE:** The flavors this year are filled with rich blackberry fruit and just a hint of the Red Mountain wild sage so prominent in the area. It has a pleasant acidity and a rich, balanced mouthfeel followed by a well-developed mid palate. The result is a tannin structure that is evident but seamless. The finish is remarkably smooth and lingering.

**CELLARING:** Age 5 years to experience the best fruit intensity or age 10-15 years to develop more of the unique terroir aromas of Red Mountain.