



# MORAL COMPASS

## 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA

*Simply stated, the moral compass is the thing inside of us that tells us which direction we should go when we have to make decisions. We were guided to Columbia Valley to source our grapes where warm days are followed by cool nights, which makes for a long growing season.*

*Moral Compass wines are fruit-forward and balanced.*

## VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage started out cool and wet with a long and cool spring. As a result, bud break was behind, and bloom was slightly delayed. The early part of summer saw average temperatures in the Columbia Valley followed by higher temperatures as the summer progressed into fall. Harvest began in the later part of September, where temperatures cooled considerably, which delayed ripening, yet allowed for longer hang time and ripe more mature flavors to develop.

## GRAPE SOURCING

Grapes were sourced from the most premium vineyards in Washington's largest viticulture region, the Columbia Valley. With vineyards planted predominately on south facing slopes, the vines receive peak sunlight in the summer and allow air drainage in the winter. Columbia Valley experiences an annual rainfall averaging 6 to 8 inches ensuring the richness in the soil.

## WINEMAKING

Grapes were picked in the cool hours of the morning and once delivered to the winery, each lot was gently de-stemmed and fermented with skin contact to accentuate deep, dark color and flavor extraction. The wine was then racked into oak barrels where it aged for several months prior to bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

Our Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas of black cherry and anise leading to a rich palate marked with deep, black fruit flavors with notes of dark chocolate and spice.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 99% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
1% Mixed Reds

**REGION:** Columbia Valley, WA

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.77

**TA:** 0.55g/100mL

