

# 2018 Bruno's Blend

## ABOUT BRUNO

Bruno's Blend is a tribute to a great friend, mentor and artist...Bruno Segatta. It is an accessible and exceptional food-friendly wine. Created by Va Piano to enjoy every day, the bottle showcases an original Bruno painting. Justin Wylie, owner/winemaker of Va Piano, met Bruno Segatta while spending a year in Florence, Italy during college. Justin and Bruno came up with the idea of making a wine that celebrates daily meals with family and friends.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was another warm vintage for Washington that was marked by ideal weather during the harvest season. The Columbia Valley cycled through cool and warm months at the start of the growing season. April was cool, delaying bud break slightly. Then May was one of the warmest on record, advancing bloom. This was followed by a cooler-than-average June. Bloom was notably fast and even, contributing to a larger crop size that required extensive thinning. 2018 was shaping up to be among the warmest vintages on record - and it still was based on Growing Degree Days. Warm days during harvest continued sugar accumulation while cooler nights preserved acidity. As a result, Brix levels were slightly above average in 2018, while acid levels were higher than anticipated for a warm vintage.

**Varietals:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 15% Cab Franc, 5% Syrah

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Vineyards:** Va Piano Estate, Portteus, Eritage Estate, Boushey

**Fruit:** black cherry, blueberry

**Herbs/Spices/Other:** eucalyptus, sage, cherry cola

**Aging:** 20% new french oak 15 months

**TA/pH:** 5.9 / 3.92

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

