

2020 OX Cabernet Sauvignon



2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a relatively warm year for Washington with a significantly smaller crop than average. Harvest began the third week of August, well aligned with many recent years. This was followed by a hot beginning of September, which led to feverish picking of early ripening varieties. Significant wildfire smoke came in during the second week of September, pausing harvest for nearly 10 days. The layer of smoke also stalled sugar accumulation and pushed harvest for some varieties into cooler parts of September and October. Early reports indicate limited negative impacts from the smoke. October temperatures were above average before a freeze event October 25th brought the growing season to a close in many locations. While the crop was smaller, the combination of smaller berries and extended hang time is traditionally a recipe for high quality wines in Washington. Many growers and winemakers were excited with the result.

Varietals: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Columbia Valley

Fruit: blackberry, currant, plum

Herbs/Spices/Other: tobacco, cedar, earth, rich mouthfeel and round tannins, acidity elevates the finish

Aging: 40% New French Oak

TA/pH: 5.5 / 3.86

Alcohol: 14.5%

