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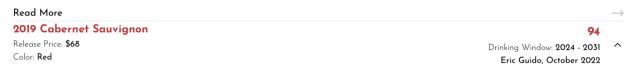
From Against All Odds: Washington State's 2020s and 2019s (Mar 2023) by Eric Guido



The 2021 Chardonnay wafts up with a vivid mix of lime-tinged yellow apple and nuances of vanilla custard. This is soft and enveloping, with a mix of saline minerals and sweet spice that gives way to tart orchard fruit. The 2021 finishes long and structured, potent yet fresh while leaving a staining of almond extract richness. There's a lot of power here, along with the balance to mature through medium-term cellaring.



A savory mix of crushed cherries, blackberries, sage and sweet lavender keeps me coming back to the 2020 Merlot again and again. This is round and soothing with velvety textures lifted by brisk acids, as tart red fruit and savory inner spice add tension toward the close. It leaves a staining of primary concentration, as echoes of blueberry and wild herbal tones slowly fade over a coating of gently grippy tannins.



The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon wafts up from the glass with a dusty yet understated mix of crushed violets, lavender and black cherries complemented by exotic spice. It's silky-smooth, displaying wonderful finesse, with a blend of blueberry and blackberry fruits motivated by brisk acidity. This tapers off long and staining to the senses, leaving a primary concentration of fruit and a buzz of residual acidity that maintains fabulous freshness.