

ABEJA



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SKYSILL ESTATE

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TASTING NOTES

Skysill Vineyard's long growing season and 1,400-ft elevation yield small, thick-skinned berries, resulting in rich, concentrated flavors of plum, ganache and licorice, which brilliantly complement the palate, bringing a distinct purple hue to the glass. Loamy soils accentuate the wine's texture, defined by its velvety tannins and silky mouthfeel. The site's significant diurnal shift impacts the wine's aromatics and flavor, offering a lively bouquet of ripe mountain berries with violets, cinnamon, black pepper and mint. The exquisite high-toned fruit on the palate further supports the vibrant acidity evident in this age-worthy wine. Nuances of juniper and bergamot, indicative of the terroir, further contribute to the depth and complexity, as does the salinity that lingers in the finish. After 28 months in new French oak, we carefully selected the eight finest barrels of Skysill Cabernet Sauvignon for this inaugural bottling.

VINYARD OVERVIEW

Skysill is a high-elevation vineyard one mile from Abeja's Mill Creek winery. The hillside vines benefit from proximity to the Blue Mountains because of a cool evening breeze that sweeps down the mountains, causing dramatic diurnal shifts and temperature inversions. The growing conditions help lock in the wines' vibrant fruit character and preserve the grapes' natural acidity, a necessary component for aging. Furthermore, Skysill enjoys a longer growing season than other areas of the Walla Walla Valley to enhance the grapes' expression and complexity.

HARVEST DATES & VINEYARDS

OCTOBER 21-28, 2020

Skysill

BARREL FERMENTATION & AGING

28 Months in 100% French Oak

T/A

5.32 g/L

PH

3.83

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

ALCOHOL

14.8%

PRODUCTION

200 Cases