

ABEJA



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SKYSILL ESTATE

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TASTING NOTES

A captivatingly rich and concentrated profile immediately recalls the thick-skinned mountain fruit that comes from Skysill Vineyard's remarkable 1,400 ft elevation site, where deep, intricate flavors and intense aromatics of fig, licorice, violets, earth, and cocoa can fully develop throughout the extended growing season. The significant diurnal shift at the site contributes lively blue-toned fruits to a deeply colored glass and locks in the critical acidity for this age-worthy wine. The vineyard's southerly aspect and loess soil bring supple, velvety tannins, yielding an extraordinary texture that has been expertly crafted with elegance and finesse. After careful selection, the finest seven barrels of the season spent 31 months in French oak.

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

SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2021

Skysill

BARREL FERMENTATION & AGING

33 Months in 100% French Oak, 75% New, 25% Experienced

T/A

5.2 g/L

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3.9

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

97% Cabernet Sauvignon,

3% Merlot

APPELLATION

Walla Walla Valley

ALCOHOL

14.8%

PRODUCTION

175 Cases