

# CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL

## NORTHWEST WINEMAKERS

# 2022 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TASTING NOTES

Berry Compote, Cardamom, Earl Grey Tea

### VARIETIES

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARD SOURCES

100% Horse Heaven Hills, WA

**CELLAR TREATMENT** 25% New French Oak

**ALCOHOL CONTENT** 14% alc./vol.

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**BOTTLE SIZE** 355mL / 750mL

**PH** 3.79 pH

**TA** 6 g/L



“The Winemaking team here in Oregon has been refining our sourcing out of Washington for the better part of the last decade. All that effort has definitely paid off.

—Eric Harms  
Co-Founder

## TWO BROTHERS. ONE PASSION. NORTHWEST MADE.

What makes the Pacific Northwest so unique? The fact that dense forests, winding waterways, and snow-packed peaks are all in our backyard? Or is it that no matter how far you go and how many sights you see, there's always more to explore? Each wine is crafted with this reverence of place—but our goal is to never stop exploring new regions and new wines.

The 2022 growing season in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA of Washington began with a particularly cold and wet winter that charged the soil with ample water, followed by a cool and wet spring all the way to a bloom that put the vines two to three weeks behind average. Above-average heat in July and August provided some catch-up in growing degree days, but with higher-than-average yields and the delayed start to the season, there was concern about getting fruit ripe before wet and winter came. But Mother Nature delivered, and

stunning weather through September and October allowed the season to finish strong with most fruit harvested later than usual at low alcohols with beautiful natural acidity and exceptional flavor development.

The 2022 Christopher Michael Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend from three different growers in the Horse Heaven Hills. Fruit from Phinny Hill, on pedigreed vineyard land, provides ripe fruit and plush texture. The portion of the blend from Coyote Canyon contributes structure and an element of rusticity that are characteristic of Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet. And grapes from Fountain Farms bring an herbaceous note that adds complexity and freshness to the finished wine. These three are the perfect complements to make a wine that is simultaneously approachable and serious.

