## CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL

## NORTHWEST WINEMAKERS

## 2022 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL **RED WINE**

**TASTING NOTES** 

Black Plum, Loganberry, Clove 

**VARIETIES** 

72% Malbec, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon

**VINEYARD SOURCES** 

100% Horse Heaven Hills, WA

**CELLAR TREATMENT** 25% New French Oak

ALCOHOL CONTENT 13% by Volume

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry **BOTTLE SIZE** 750mL РΗ 3.88

6.45 g/L TA

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 Red Wine is comprised of roughly two-thirds Malbec and one third Cabernet Sauvignon from the Horse Heaven Hills. The Malbec, as the backbone of this wine, is plummy, soft, approachable, and juicy, whereas the Cabernet Sauvignon reigns in the breadth of the palate to provide focus and plumpness. A friendly and fun wine to make and to drink!





