



2011 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley
Randy Dunn

Acclaimed Napa Valley vintner Randy Dunn has a reputation for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. He brings more than four decades of winemaking experience to the Columbia Valley to produce Feather, his only wine made outside of California.

Tasting Notes: Balancing power with finesse, the 2011 Feather offers an impressive intensity and purity of flavor, displayed on a core of mocha-scented blackberry, dark currant and ripe plum flavors. Fine-grained tannins and hints of dried herbs, licorice and oak spice highlight an expressive and persistent finish.

Vintage: Despite a cooler than average spring and summer, the 2011 Washington vintage produced intense, vibrant wines with wonderful structure and texture. Moderate spring and summer conditions warmed in late August, with temperatures climbing into the upper 80s to low 90s, allowing the grapes to gain color and sugar. Though many California coastal vineyards struggled with a wet harvest, the Columbia Valley's September and October days were warm and cloudless allowing the grapes to achieve physiological maturity and optimal ripening. Cool fall evenings offset the warm days to preserve the grapes' acidity and ripe tannins, resulting in wines with excellent structure and intensity.

Winemaking: Hand-picked grapes were sorted at the winery, lightly crushed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. At the peak of fermentation, the wine was pumped over aggressively to extract color and structure. As fermentation neared completion, pump overs were handled more gently to continue to extract concentrated color and flavors without imparting harsh tannins. Once ready for barrel, the wine aged 22 months in Vicard French oak barrels, 90% new.

Vineyards: Grapes were sourced from two distinct areas of the Columbia Valley: the Wahluke Slope and Tri-Cities, each region contributing unique character to the wine. Wahluke's Weinbau (35%) and Stone Tree (27%) vineyards give the wine its notable structure and dark fruit flavors. Tri-Cities' Dionysus Vineyard (30%) and 40-year-old vines from Sagemoor Vineyard (8%) provide refined tannins, texture and earthiness.

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.88

TA: 0.52 grams / 100ml

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,919 cases