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Current Press:

NA

Past Press:

2009- 92pts Wine Enthusiast

2007- 94pts Wine Enthusiast

2006- 93pts Wine Spectator

2005- 90pts Wine Enthusiast

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2011 Reserve Cabernet - COLUMBIA VALLEY

Harvested: October, 2011

Date of first Bottling: Aug, 2014 | **Quantity bottled:** 163 cases

Vineyard Locations and AVA's : Caroway Estate Vineyard (Columbia Valley), JBK Vineyard (Red Mountain) and Red Heaven Vineyard (Red Mountain)

Vintage Notes: The 2011 harvest was one that defines the adage, "All's well that ends well." Extremely cold weather in late November of 2010 caused extensive bud damage in many Washington locations, which made the 2011 crop a challenge from the start. Cool, late spring weather delayed bud break by two to three weeks in much of the Columbia Valley, while summer temperatures followed suit, with heat unit accumulation consistently two to three weeks behind most seasons. This potentially disastrous set of conditions was reversed by an unusually warm, extended and generally dry fall. Crop levels were low due to the 2010 freeze and flavor development came late which ensured crisp acidity and a northern European balance to the wines. With all of its tribulations, this is the sort of season which defines the uniqueness of our northern climate. Now that we're on the other side of a very interesting harvest, we can confidently say the 2011 wines will delight us with their quality.

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking: Aged 22 months in new French Oak

Malolactic status: 100% Malolactic positive

wine pH: 3.67 | **Total acidity:** .72 | **Residual Sugar:** Trace (dry) | **Alcohol:** 14.6%

Winemaker's Comments: "Laced with alluring spice notes, hints of licorice and toasty wood. Lovely cherry, plum and bittersweet chocolate flavors are enlivened by zippy acidity. Excellent with seared beef fillet or rack of lamb."


Rob Griffin, Proprietor-Winemaker

Founded in 1983 by Rob Griffin and Deborah Barnard, Barnard Griffin has been producing Award Winning wines for over 30 years. Barnard Griffin Winery is situated in south-central Washington at the confluence of the Yakima, Columbia, and Snake rivers, in the heart of Washington State's wine country. Stop by the winery and visit our Tasting Room as well as our Wine Bar and Eatery in Richland, Washington to sample our award winning wines today.

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