

COLUMBIA CREST

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1983, Columbia Crest has grown from a small winery in a relatively unknown wine region to one of the most significant wineries in the U.S. and a major force behind Washington state's emergence as a world class wine region. One of the Northwest's largest wineries, Columbia Crest is acclaimed by critics and consumers alike for crafting wines that are food-friendly, approachable, and consistently over-deliver in quality.

Columbia Crest Merlot helped establish Washington's outstanding reputation for the variety, and the winery is recognized for the consistent quality of its popular Cabernet Sauvignon. These varietals, along with the winery's Chardonnay, are frequently named to the annual lists of "top wines" selected by national wine magazines. In 2009 *Wine Spectator* named the 2005 Columbia Crest Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon No. 1 Wine in the World on its Top 100 list, the first time a wine from Washington state has received this ranking. In 2011, Columbia Crest was named U.S. "Winery of the Year" by *Wine & Spirits*.

VINEYARDS

The Columbia Crest Estate Vineyard totals 2,500 acres planted to Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Riesling and Syrah. Columbia Crest also sources grapes from vineyards located on the Horse Heaven Hills, Wahluke Slope, Columbia River Basin and the Yakima Valley.

KEY PERSONNEL

Juan Muñoz Oca, Head Winemaker

PORTFOLIO

Grand Estates Tier

Red Wine Blend • Cabernet Sauvignon • Chardonnay • Merlot • Pinot Gris • Syrah • Unoaked Chardonnay

Horse Heaven Hills, H3 Tier

Chardonnay • Cabernet Sauvignon • Merlot • Les Chevaux Red Wine • Sauvignon Blanc

Reserve Tier

Cabernet Sauvignon • Walter Clore Private Reserve Red Wine

*Other Single Vineyard Reserve wines available in small quantities.

TASTING ROOM & RETAIL SHOP

Open daily. Winter hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Summer hours 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Complimentary wine tasting is available, and no appointments are necessary.

*Please visit the website for more information about hours and tours.

OWNERSHIP

Columbia Crest is owned and operated by Ste. Michelle. Wine Estates.