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Canvasback Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the essence of Washington's Red Mountain AVA , delivering a bold yet polished wine with rich layers of ripe fruit and refined tannins.

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Washington, USA

Alcohol :15,10 %

Composition: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Syrah, 1% Malbec

Region and Vineyards

The **Red Mountain AVA** is Washington State's smallest but most celebrated appellation, renowned for producing structured, intensely flavored wines. Located in the southeast corner of the Yakima Valley, Red Mountain benefits from a warm, arid climate with long sunny days and cool nights, creating ideal conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

The volcanic soils of the region, rich in nutrients but with excellent drainage, encourage low yields and concentrated berries. The growing season featured warm days and cool nights, allowing the grapes to ripen fully while preserving their natural acidity and aromatic complexity. This vintage offers a balance of ripeness, vibrancy, and intensity unique to Red Mountain.

Winemaking

Canvasback Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of **84% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **10% Merlot**, **3% Petit Verdot**, **2% Syrah**, and **1% Malbec**, reflecting a thoughtful approach to blending for depth and nuance. The grapes were handpicked and meticulously sorted to ensure optimal quality.

Following fermentation, the wine was aged for **20 months in 100% French oak barrels**, with **40% new oak** and **60% neutral oak**. This careful oak regimen added layers of complexity, including subtle notes of hazelnut and cocoa, while enhancing the wine's structure and elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with a vibrant, saturated core.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of **ripe strawberry**, **Bing cherry**, and **grenadine**, complemented by hints of **blueberry**, **huckleberry**, and subtle oak tones of **slivered almond** and **hazelnut**.
- **Palate**: A lush and supple palate with layered flavors of **red licorice**, **orange zest**, and **candied grape**, transitioning into darker tones of **black plum**, **cocoa**, **berry pie**, and **baking spices**.

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Did You Know?

Canvasback is part of the prestigious **Duckhorn Portfolio**, which has a legacy of crafting exceptional wines across the U.S. The **Red Mountain AVA**, where Canvasback focuses its efforts, is recognized as one of the most sought-after regions for premium Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with herb butter**: The wine's tannins and dark fruit flavors complement the richness of the steak.
- **Roast duck with cherry glaze**: Its vibrant red fruit and spice notes enhance the savory and sweet flavors of the dish.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The earthy flavors of mushrooms harmonize with the wine's depth and complexity.
- **Dark chocolate truffles**: The cocoa and berry notes in the wine pair beautifully with rich, dark chocolate.

Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 93 Points (2018)

A dark and heady wine, all crushed berries and dark spices, this cabernet marries sumptuous oak spice with deep, powerful fruit. A big and burly classic from Red Mountain, this wine's tannins feel powerful and balanced at once.

James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2018)

Blackcurrants, brambleberries, toasted walnuts, spice box, sandalwood and dried flowers on the nose. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. Structured and precise with tight layers of dark fruit and spice. Focused.

Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2018)

The 2018 Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon starts with a firm, dusty and juicy nose with aromas of tasty black cherry, wilted lavender and roses with elements of redcurrants and crème de cassis. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is juicy and features dusty tannins, with flavors of black plum and juicy black Raspberry skin across the mid-palate. The Cabernet concludes with firm, tannic edge and a lingering flavor of crème de violette. This rested for 20 months in French oak, 40% new, and represents a great value for the price. 252,000 bottles were filled.