

2021 SESTINA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Left Bank Bordeaux - Style Red Blend

The Story of This Wine. The Sestina is an ancient form of poetry from medieval France. Just as a modern poet can fill this form with new expressions, we use the traditional Bordeaux blend to express Washington. Sestina is our vision for an old vine, complex blend where all of the components complement each other. This wine is designed for the cellar, so the emphasis is on structure, balance, and complexity.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes. "The nose here is dark and concentrated, with dark plum, black currant liqueur, Mission fig, bay leaf, wildflower pollen, saddle leather, and toasted thyme. The usual complete Sestina palate shows the supreme concentration of the vintage, brooding with dark black and blue fruits, savory herb essences, licorice root, and mineral graphite notes. The finish is lengthy and complex. Give this a few years in the cellar and enjoy over the coming couple of decades. Drink 2028-2045."
- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Columbia Valley

Vineyards: Dionysus, Red Willow, Bacchus, DuBrul Cabernet Sauvignon; Red Willow Merlot; Bacchus Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation in mostly concrete tank, with a steel-fermented component. Aged 21 months in 50% new French oak. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.6%

Cases: 411

Release: March 2024

94 points, Vinous

"Darkly alluring, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Sestina smolders up with a bouquet of dried roses and mint, offset by dusty black currant and hints of dark chocolate. This is a sleek and racy effort, with brisk acidity and cooling mineral tones that embellish its crisp dark red fruits. Its tannins are edgy, yet the palate remains completely fresh, as hints of licorice and sage slowly fade." - Eric Guido

