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2018 Stone Cairn Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season began with a cool April that was followed by a warm May. The dry, warm summer brought the ripening back on track for a normal schedule. The cool September nights of 2018 allowed for extra hang time on Red Mountain. This combination of growing conditions allowed for small berries and clusters with great concentration of flavor.

VINEYARDS

Quintessence, Ciel du Cheval, and Obelisco are all considered to be among the best vineyards in the Red Mountain AVA. These particular vineyards always express the *terroir* of Red Mountain especially well. The rich soils, dependable air drainage, and limited rainfall result in highly concentrated berries with dense skins, rich inky color, and daring complexity.

WINEMAKER

Though this is my eighth vintage as an independent producer, I am fortunate enough to come from a family involved with Washington winemaking for the last 4 decades. I've had the invaluable opportunity of learning both the science and art of winemaking from two of the state's most highly regarded winemakers: Mike Januik and Scott Moeller. In recent years I have worked tirelessly to hone a unique style that best fits my palate and produces what I consider to be elegant and well-balanced wines. This has included seven vintages of making wine in the Southern Hemisphere to expand my winemaking philosophy and techniques.

TASTING NOTES

A beautiful violet wine with generous aromas of blackberry and cocoa. The textured layers show flavors ranging from huckleberry to pepper. The finish is long and brimming with bright acidity and fine tannins. Enjoy this wine from now until 2038.

2018 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Owen Bargreen- 94 points

2017 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Jeb Dunnuck- 91+ Points
- James Suckling- 93 Points
- Wine Enthusiast- 92 Points (Editors' Choice)

2016 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Jeb Dunnuck- 94 Points
- James Suckling- 93 Points

2015 Stone Cairn Ratings

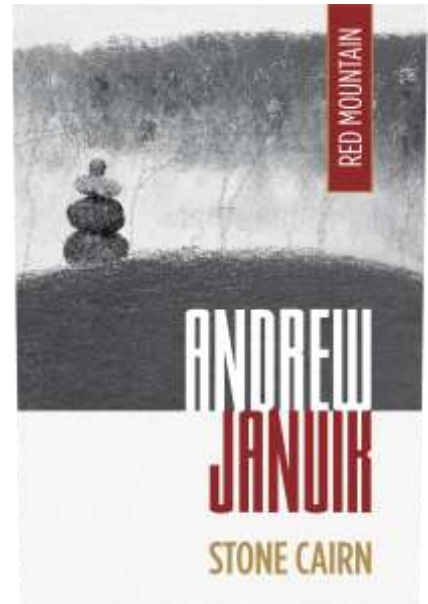
- Wine Spectator- 92 Points
- Wine Advocate- 92 Points
- James Suckling- 92 Points

2014 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Wine Advocate- 90 Points
- International Wine Report- 93 Points

2013 Stone Cairn Ratings

- Wine Spectator- 92 Points
- Wine & Spirits- 94 Points
- Wine Advocate- 91 Points

**Blend:**

96% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Merlot

Cases: 632

TA: 0.56

pH: 3.78

Barrels:

55% New French
45% Once-used French

Aging: 22 months in barrel