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2019 Stone Cairn Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started slowly with cool temperatures extending into late spring, but the weather warmed as summer progressed and the vines achieved August veraison dates in keeping with a typical year. As a result of cooler than average temperatures earlier in the season, crops were thinned during the summer. Careful vineyard management helped support even ripening into the fall, a season marked by cooler temperatures yet again. But the grapes enjoyed the added hang-time that allowed the fruit to achieve physiological maturity, resulting in wines notable for their excellent natural acidity, concentration and 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 ninth 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 eight 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 2039.

2019 Stone Cairn Ratings

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

2018 Stone Cairn Ratings

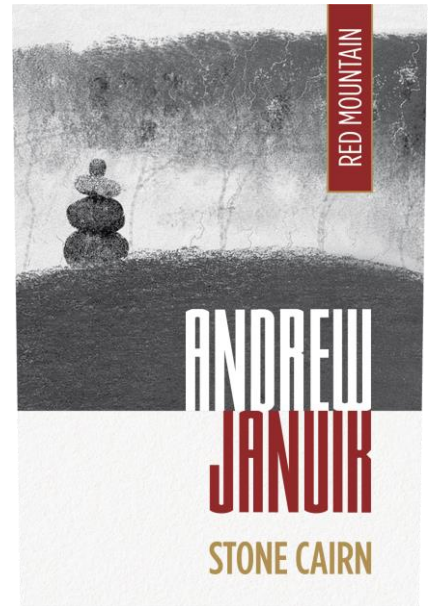
- Vinous- 94 Points
- Owen Bargreen- 94 points
- Jeb Dunnuck- 93+ Points
- James Suckling- 93 Points
- Decanter- 94 Points

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

**Blend:**

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Cabernet Franc
1% Merlot

Cases: 631

TA: 0.54

pH: 3.75

Barrels:

55% New French
45% Once-used French

Aging: 22 months in barrel