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2020 Stone Cairn Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season will be remembered for low yields, warm summer weather and sufficient hang time to produce wines with intense aromas and concentrated flavors. Bud break began in mid-April, then conditions progressed at a moderate pace for the next six weeks before temperatures took a dip in early June. Warm weather returned in July, and temperatures stayed hot through the summer. Conditions were dry, allowing growers to control vine vigor through irrigation. Grapes were slow to ripen in early September, but by mid-month, the Columbia Valley settled into its usual pattern of warm days and cool nights. Ideal harvest conditions lasted into mid-October allowing vines to ripen light crop levels beautifully.

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 tenth 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 2040.

2020 Stone Cairn- Not Yet Rated

2019 Stone Cairn Ratings

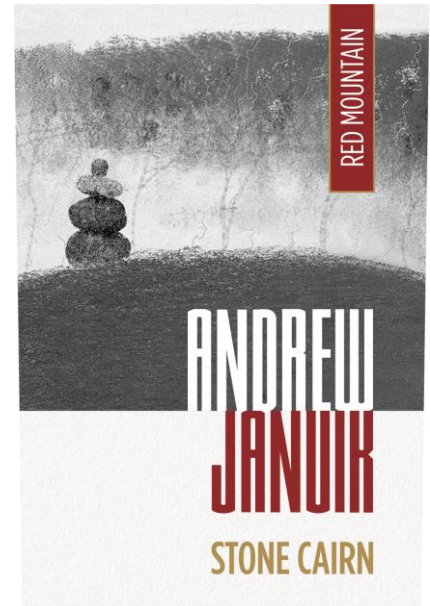
- Vinous- 94+ Points
- James Suckling- 93 Points
- Owen Bargreen- 94 Points
- Jeb Dunnuck- 93 Points

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)

**Blend:**

95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot

Cases: 488

TA: 0.58

pH: 3.82

Barrels:

50% New French
40% Once-used French

Aging: 21 months in barrel