

2013 Stone Cairn Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

After a string of cool to moderate vintages, Washington State saw a shift in 2013 to the warmest vintage in the last decade. An early bud break was followed by warm July and August temperatures. Cooler September temperatures allowed grapes to hang in the vineyard longer and gain great complexity.

VINEYARDS

Shaw, Obelisco, Quintessence, and Ciel du Cheval Vineyards, all located in the Red Mountain AVA, are four of my favorites. 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 third 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.

TASTING NOTES

This beautiful violet colored wine delivers a variety of complex aromas including candied cherries, currants, and chocolate. The front of the palate shows nice sweetness and fruit which transitions into a well-structured mid-palate that displays more earthiness as well as the subtle notes of new French oak. The finish is quite long and brimming with the bright acidity and dark fruit that is indicative of Red Mountain. Enjoy this wine from now until 2030.

2012 Stone Cairn Ratings

Wine Spectator- 92 Points

Wine Enthusiast- 91 Points

Wine Advocate- 91 Points

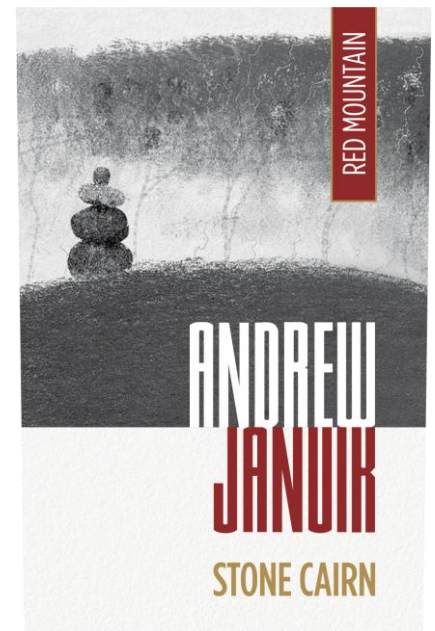
2011 Stone Cairn Ratings

Wine Enthusiast- 92 Points

Washington Wine Report- Excellent/Exceptional Rating

Seattle Met Magazine- Top 100 Washington Wine Awards

International Wine Cellar- 91 Points



Blend: 92% Cab Sauv,
6% Merlot,
2% Cabernet Franc

Cases: 585

TA: 0.55

pH: 3.72

Barrels: 55% New French,
35% Once-used French,
5% New American,
5% Once-used American

Aging: Aged 21 months in
barrel