

# **Knight Commander**

# RED BLEND | RED MOUNTAIN AVA 2021



This wine was conceived in Northern Rhone while on a barrel visit to Guigal Winery. The goal was to create a Northern Rhone blend similar to theirs in its complexity and structure from Red Mountain. We use native fermentation and extended maceration for balanced tannins and added structure!

# **TASTING NOTES**

Amazing acidity in this wine, the addition of Viognier really gives this an incredible lift! The mouthfeel is big and bloody. This is our only Syrah that we give extra time in barrel to round out the tannins on the lenghy and spicy finish. This wine can be aged for as long as you want, enjoy with your favorite food and friends!

# ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, established in the mid-1970s on Red Mountain in Washington state, is renowned for its unique soil, rich in calcium carbonate and high in pH, contributing to the distinctive quality of its grapes. Spanning 80 acres, the vineyard produces toptier varietals like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, and Cabernet Franc. Its exceptional terroir and meticulous cultivation practices make it a cornerstone of Washington's wine industry.

#### **BLEND**

96% Syrah, 4% Viognier, co-ferment

#### BARREL

60% new French oak 40% used French oak 30 months in barrel

# **PRODUCTION**

270 cases

#### RELEASE

Summer 2024

#### **APPELLATION**

Red Mountain AVA

#### **VINEYARDS**

Ciel du Cheval

# **PAST ACCOLADES**

2020 – 94 OB; 93 IWR 2019 – 92 OB

### **ANALYSIS**

ALC 14.5% pH: 3.89

TA: .59

EFESTĒ winery was established in 2005 by Daniel and Helen Ferrelli, along with their son-in-law and daughter, Kevin and Angela Taylor. Since its inception, the EFESTĒ's primary focus has been producing award-winning wines using minimalist techniques, including native fermentation and low oxygenation techniques. EFESTĒ sources its exceptional grapes from the finest regions in Washington, emphasizing single varietals and their Estate vineyards. Experience the culmination of our passion: distinctly Washington, Uniquely EFESTE.



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