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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

94 PTS

paulgwine.com, Paul Gregutt - June 2023

For classic Walla Walla Cabernet with both elegance and power look no farther than this pure varietal expression. Sculpted flavors of cassis, bramble, espresso, black olive and a touch of charred wood combine in a compact Cabernet showcase. After considerable (24 hours) aeration the wine comes into full focus, graceful, long and complete.

93 PTS

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck - May 2023

The appellation 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley comes from a mix of sites including the estate vineyards of Ferguson and Seven Hills. It's another round, textured, nicely concentrated 2020 with lots of classic crème de cassis and sweet plum fruit as well as leafy herbs, truffle, spice, and loamy earth aromas and flavors. I love its texture, it's balanced, and it has ripe yet present tannins, as well as a great finish.

92 PTS

JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling - May 2023

Dark chocolate, black cherries, blackberries and grilled herbs on the nose, with some savory wet-earth notes. It's medium- to full-bodied, firm and compact, with chewy tannins and a savory, pleasantly austere finish. Drink in 2024.

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Wine Enthusiast, Michael Alberty - July 2023

The first sniff of this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon brings an energizing mineral wave of wet rock and earthy, ozone-laced petrichor. Then comes a secondary swell of persimmon, Asian pear, dark chocolate and cigar box aromas. Blackberry, black tea and orange citrus flavors are backed by grippy tannins.

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Wine Spectator, Tim Fish - October 2023

Expressive and precise, with deep currant, licorice and dark mocha flavors that take on structure toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2030.

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Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey - April 2023

Like the Columbia Valley (also recommended here), this is a benchmark from a classic vintage, exhibiting the cedar and tobacco aromas common to Walla Walla fruit, with spicy cardamom and clove notes. It's a big boy; give it time in the cellar to knit.