

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington state wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.*



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TASTING NOTE

“Aromatics of leather and toasted oak lead to flavors of black plum, black pepper and chocolate covered cherries. This wine has big tannins but is round and approachable on the finish with notes of toasted oak, anise and black cherry. This is a classic Washington Cabernet Sauvignon that is tannic but fruit forward and will pair perfectly with pulled pork and grilled red meats.”

*John Freeman*

– John Freeman, Winemaker

### VINTAGE NOTE

2018 represents a very long harvest and a record-breaker for volume and tons crushed. Drier weather at bloom, resulted in grapes with much less mildew pressure than last year. Two weeks of extremely hot weather towards the end of summer allowed fruit to hang a little longer. White varietals will express a great range of fruit flavors like apple, pineapple and peach, while ripened red varietals will show more fruit-forward characteristics. The levels of acid are coming in higher than in years past, so red varietals, like Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah will be bright and refreshing.

### WINEMAKING

#### HARVEST DATE

Sept. 27–Oct. 11, 2018

#### BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
3% Petit Verdot

#### AGED

14 months

#### OAK

28% new American oak

TA	PH	ALC.
5.1 g/l	3.91	13.95%

### VINEYARDS

#### COLUMBIA VALLEY AVA

48% Skyfall, 21% Browne Estate Vineyard, 17% Blackrock,  
10% Mirage, 3% Canyon Vineyard Ranch, 1% Willard Farms

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington state, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.

