

Canvasback Wine 2021 Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain \$76

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Duckhorn's Washington state project in the Walla Walla Valley produces three vineyard-designated Cabs from Red Mountain, and no site is older than the Holmes family's 1975 planting of Ciel du Cheval near Sunset Road. Rising star winemaker Joseph Czarny, a product of Walla Walla Community College's program, included Merlot (16%) for additional structure and longevity. The investment OK'd by corporate HQ in Napa included 20 months in French oak as 73% of the barrels were new from premier cooperages such as Boutes, Orion and Taransaud. A nose reminiscent of a blueberry milkshake, black currant jam and cocoa powder transitions into remarkably charming and downright delicious flavors of strawberry jam, black cherry juice and violets. The sandy tannins are akin to a nibble of strawberry seed, making for an almost creamy structure that's a pleasure cruise for a Cab off Red Mountain.

Rating: 94 points — Outstanding!

Production: 150 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

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