



SPRUCE HILL WINERY

2021 RAINFOREST RED



TECHNICAL DATA

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETAL: 67% Malbec, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: Gamache, Frenchman Hills

PRODUCTION: 72 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

TASTING NOTES

We named this Bordeaux-style wine after a camping trip through the Olympic National Park. As we walked through the Hall of Mosses in the Hoh rainforest, we were awed by the majestic Sitka Spruce, our winery's namesake. The Sitka Spruce is an apt metaphor for this delicious wine. Malbec represents the tree's deep and earthy roots, and Cabernet Sauvignon provides its solid trunk of dark fruit. Aromas of French oak, blackberry, and tobacco float from your glass like the scent of evergreen boughs on a hike through the Hoh Rainforest.

Serve this wine with roasted and grilled meats, firm cheeses, and earthy mushroom dishes.

PRODUCTION NOTES

In 2021, the growing season was warm, with an exceptional heat dome in June that saw record highs throughout the state. Fortunately, our grape vines were not adversely affected and produced quality grapes. Our Malbec block at Gamache yielded exceptional fruit with smaller-than-average berry sizes. Our Frenchman Hills block was equally as impressive. After picking, all lots were fermented in small open-top vats. The wine was stored in once-used French barrels for 22 months before bottling in September 2023.