

Helix

2019 cabernet sauvignon

COLUMBIA VALLEY

91 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

Black currant, tobacco leaf and paprika on the nose. Full-bodied with slightly chewy tannins. Nicely ripe black fruit and baking spice wash over the palate. Drink now.

TASTING NOTES

Soft and vivacious, this juice sprints past lumbering, faceplant cabs. Crushed cherries and red fruits captivate the nose with delightful scents of violet and potpourri, on discerning layers of oak and dried tobacco. An exceptionally soft and friendly palate ushers in vibrant red flavors of cherry, currant and plum, with slices of fresh fig and suggestions of oak. Enjoy this cab with spirit and good manners.

THE 2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a little warmer than the long-term average. Snow was on the ground into early April, setting the table for delayed vine and grape development throughout the growing season. A delightful summer, absent of its usual notorious heat spikes, provided some catch up. September had the coolest temperatures I can recall, and an October 11th freeze brought harvest to an end. Results: small clusters and berries, ripe phenolics, lower sugars (i.e., lower alcohols), and excellent acidity.

THE VINEYARDS

Phinny Hill One of the most picturesque spots in the Horse Heaven Hills, Helix was one of the first wineries to source fruit from Phinny Hill. The rocky soils and eastern-facing slopes of this 100-acre vineyard provide great soil and air drainage for the vines, especially the predominantly planted Bordeaux grape varieties.

Bacchus One of 5 vineyards now managed by Sagemoor Vineyards, Bacchus is located near Pasco on a southwest facing hillside with dramatic views of the Columbia River below. Founded in 1968, Bacchus played a pioneering role in the region, and its early vineyards are among the oldest large-scale plantings of vinifera grapes in the State.

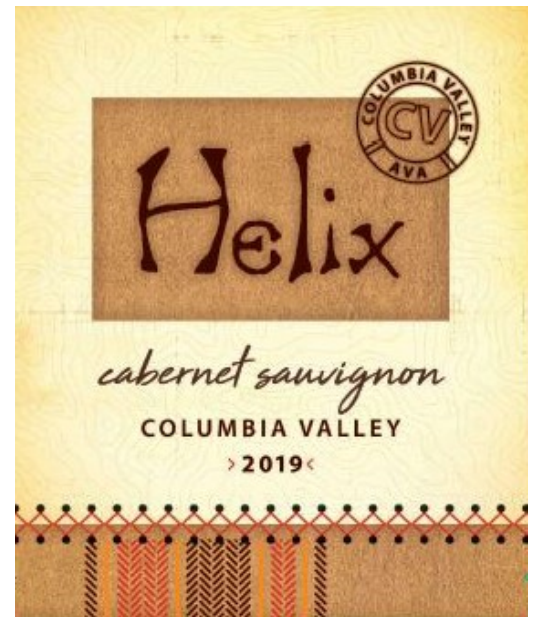
Weinbau Now managed by Sagemoor Vineyards, Weinbau is located just east of Mattawa, WA in the Wahluke Slope. Established in 1981, Weinbau first started as a white varietal vineyard, but is now known for the full-bodied award-winning reds it is able to grow. Over the last 35+ years, Weinbau has expanded to 460 acres and grows over 10 different grape varieties.

THE COOPERAGE

77% French, 23% American (23% new oak) Our Cabernet features less new oak than most to achieve a more complex, sophisticated wine with elegant fruit and tannin structure that let the vineyard shine through.

HELIX WINES

Helix is the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.



WINE DATA

Composition	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot
Vineyards	Phinny Hill, Bacchus &
Cooperage	77% French, 23% American (23% new oak)
Alcohol	13.9%
pH	3.8
Total Acidity	6.1 g/L
Bottling Date	July 2021
Release Date	April 2022
Case Production	423

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