

# BARNARD GRIFFIN

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## 2009 Reserve Cabernet - COLUMBIA VALLEY

**Harvested:** September, 2009

**Date of first Bottling:** 9/21/11 | **Quantity bottled:** 505 cases

**Vineyard Locations and AVA's :** Caroway Estate Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Sagemoor Vineyard (Columbia Valley), Vinagium Vineyard (Red Mountain)

**Vintage Notes:** For much of 2009, the accumulated heat units (our way of keeping score for sunshine) were spot on for a long term average. A warm early spring brought out good growth and a generally trouble free bloom and heavy set. The mid and late summer time periods were very warm and promoted intense early ripeness and relatively high sugar for the climate. A somewhat compressed harvest commenced in the 1st week of September with early whites. Reds followed quickly: syrah, merlot, cabernet and exotic varieties. A rare and general killing frost occurred on October 10th. The effects of this frost were minimal for Barnard Griffin; in fact most of our fruit was already harvested. Our Maryhill grower dodged the freeze and our high-elevation Red Mountain source was less effected by the cold weather. Reds are huge in structure, color and dimension. Whites are full bodied, rich and flavorful.

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Winemaking:** Aged 22 months in new French Oak

**Malolactic status:** 100% Malolactic positive

**wine pH:** 3.67 | **Total acidity:** .72 | **Residual Sugar:** Trace (dry) | **Alcohol:** 14.6%

**Winemaker's Comments:** "Very aromatic nose laced with alluring notes of wood spice, cherry and mint. Dense and deliciously rich with concentrated dark fruit flavors. Drinking very well now. Pair this with braised, glazed short ribs or tender pork shoulder."

  
Rob Griffin, Proprietor-Winemaker



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