

# CANVASBACK®

WASHINGTON STATE

**HISTORY** Spanning just 4,000 coveted acres of land, Red Mountain is Washington State's smallest winegrowing appellation. It is also its most renowned. With ideal soils, a perfect sloping southwestern exposure, and a dry desert climate with 40+° temperature swings between day and night, Red Mountain has done more than establish itself as one of the finest regions in Washington for growing Cabernet Sauvignon; it has rapidly earned a reputation for producing some of the most compelling and distinctive Cabernet Sauvignons in the world. In 2012, building on its 35-year history of making globally acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignons, The Duckhorn Portfolio came to the mountain to make Canvasback Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

The wineries of The Duckhorn Portfolio are built on the idea that certain varieties find their best expression in specific regions. Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the rugged slopes of Red Mountain is one of these special combinations. To create wines that are as complex as they are captivating, Canvasback follows the model established decades ago by Duckhorn Vineyards, combining grapes from top growers with fruit from Canvasback's own Longwinds Estate Vineyard.

While the Canvasback team began their work on Red Mountain by establishing great relationships with the growers who farm some of the appellation's most esteemed vineyards (including Klipsun, La Coye, Shaw and Quintessence), in 2013, Canvasback put down roots when it acquired a 20-acre unplanted vineyard site. Located near the top of the slope, the site was widely recognized as the most coveted uncultivated land on the mountain. Guided by Washington winegrowing legend and Canvasback Vineyard Manager Dick Boushey, and founding Winemaker Brian Rudin, Canvasback planted its Longwinds Vineyard in 2014.

In the years since, Canvasback has taken flight beyond its Red Mountain roots to create an acclaimed portfolio that includes Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Merlot and Riesling from the most renowned appellations in Washington State. To showcase these exceptional wines, Canvasback opened a dedicated tasting room in Walla Walla in 2019. Designed to embody the rustic elegance and frontier spirit of the region, the tasting room offers an idyllic setting for indoor and outdoor seated tastings.

Today, Canvasback is led by Winemaker Joseph Czarny, who studied winemaking in Walla Walla, and honed his craft at noted wineries throughout the US, Australia and New Zealand. Working with Dick Boushey and Canvasback's acclaimed grower partners, Joe applies a small-lot, vineyard-focused approach to craft richly compelling wines that showcase the epic complexity and structure of Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, and the diversity of Washington's other great winegrowing regions. "Our exploration of Washington began on Red Mountain because it is one of the best places on earth to grow Cabernet," says Joseph. "As we've evolved, our passion for the wines of Washington has taken us across the state. From Cabernet Sauvignon to Syrah, Riesling and Cabernet Franc, Washington is producing some of the most exciting wines in the world. Our mission is to introduce these remarkable wines to a global audience of wine lovers."

The name Canvasback was chosen in keeping with The Duckhorn Portfolio's waterfowl tradition. The Canvasback duck is native to the Pacific Flyway, with breeding grounds in Washington State.



THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO

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