

# Iron Gate

2018

**Blend:** 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 1% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 15% abv **TA:** 6.53 g/L **pH:** 3.7

**Case Production:** 476 cases

**Date Bottled:** 7/2/20

**Grape Source(s):**

Cabernet Sauvignon - Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain AVA, Washington

Merlot - Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, Washington

Malbec - Elephant Mountain Vineyard, Yakima Valley, Washington

**Aging:** 50% new French, 50% neutral

**Winemaker Notes:** Our inspiration for Iron Gate was a famous 100-point Bordeaux wine that Bettina gave to us over a decade ago. While visiting Bordeaux, CC and I made a joke of getting our photo in front of the imposing gates of this great French Chateau knowing they are not open to the public and their wine is sold mostly to collectors. The idea struck us to make our own premium Bordeaux blend that we could welcome our guests to enjoy at an accessible price. With 2018 heralded as a perfect growing season in eastern Washington, we had some stellar fruit to work with for this vintage. To create this blend, we sourced from some of the best growers and regions in Washington state, including sites in Red Mountain and Yakima Valley. Aged in 50% new French oak to frame its age-worthy tannins, the resulting wine is dark, aromatic, and richly textured.

**Tasting Notes:** With flavors of black cherry, kola nut, and eucalyptus, this contemplative blend is a harmonic fusion between old-world inspiration and new-world terrior.

**Awards:**

Gold Medal - 2023 San Francisco International Wine Competition

**Pairing Suggestions:**

- Braised Short Ribs
- Buffalo Slider
- Blue Cheese Crostini
- T-Bone Steak
- Cheese: Olive Oil Marinated Chevre, Blue Cheese, or Thyme Cheddar

**Price:** \$35.00



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