

FIDÉLITAS WINES

RED MOUNTAIN

faithful, loyal, true

Fidélitas is a family-owned, boutique winery, rooted on the slopes of Red Mountain.

We are *faithful* to Bordeaux grape varieties, *loyal* to modern craft winemaking techniques, and *true* to the terroir of Washington State's Red Mountain AVA. Fidélitas' winemaker and owner, Charlie Hoppes, is an acclaimed Columbia Valley vintner whose first crush here was in 1988. He works in partnership with Washington's finest growers to capture the distinct character of the vineyard and the purest expression of the fruit. Fidélitas wines are handcrafted and aged in small lots, showing exceptional character, varietal expression and structure.

TEAM FIDÉLITAS CASE

A year's worth of Fidélitas staff favorites

2016 OPTU WHITE WINE

Fidélitas Optu White Wine is a blend of 62% Sauvignon Blanc, and 38% Semillon, sourced from the lower elevation Klipsun and Artz Vineyards on Red Mountain. The nose gives us aromas of white peach, citrus, and honeysuckle, that are complimented on the palate with notes of green apple and minerality. The mouthfeel is soft and round, highlighted by bright acidity and a lasting finish.

2014 RED MOUNTAIN MALBEC

Red Mountain Malbec, the Fidélitas fan favorite in the phantom bottle, is sourced from a few of our favorite Malbec vineyards on Red Mountain. True to the varietal, this wine gives us loads of fruit tones: Aromas of blueberry, marionberry, cocoa, and white pepper swirl in the glass, met by blackberry, marjoram, roses, and vanilla. Even more fruit on the palate provides a juicy and soft mouthfeel for easy enjoyment. Drink now through 2023.

2014 RED MOUNTAIN MERLOT

Red Mountain Merlot, sourced from three diverse Red Mountain vineyards, gives us a bright balance of both varietal and vineyard. Aromas of pomegranate, strawberry, sage, and tobacco lift from the glass, met by notes of dried cherries and herbs, and hints of toasty oak on the palate. Moderate acidity and soft tannins make way for a smooth finish that leaves tones of vanilla and cherry. Enjoy now through 2023.

2014 OPTU RED MOUNTAIN

Optu Red Mountain remains as the pillar of the Fidélitas line up, appearing in each vintage since we began in 2000. A Cabernet-based blend, this wine serves as a tribute to our favorite varietals and vineyards from each growing season. In the 2014 vintage, we find aromas of raspberry, black cherry, and currants, accompanied by a touch of brown sugar and dried herbs. The hefty palate provides touch of fig and violet, set against chalky tannins, and displays plenty of fruit and weight on the lengthy finish. Enjoy now through 2028.

2014 THE CANYONS VINEYARD RED WINE

The Canyons Vineyard, named for the deep ravines and canyons that cut directly through the vineyard blocks, provides all of the fruit for this approachable blend. The nose is rich and deep, providing notes of ripe red fruit and dark cherry, dried herbs, and chocolate. The soft palate adds raspberry, sage, and leather, with chewy tannins and a touch of minerality. Drink now through 2022.

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2014 CHAMPOUX VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014 marks Paul Champoux's last vintage of tending his namesake vineyard, and the final vintage of Fidélitas Champoux Cabernet Sauvignon. This stellar final product offers aromas of dried cherries, raspberry, and blueberry, with a touch of cocoa and minerality. Bright red fruit, with strawberries and rhubarb, dominate the palate, mingling with vanilla tones, soft tannins, and an elegant, long finish. Drink now through 2023.

2014 RED MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon sources Clone 8 Cabernet Sauvignon from our favorite vineyard sites around Red Mountain to create a wine that checks all the boxes for classic characteristics of the Red Mountain AVA. Aromas of black cherry, blackberries, and pomegranate swirl from the glass, along with a hint of brown sugar and root beer. The palate provides nice fruit as well, with dark cherries, crème brûlée, and a savory component, set within chewy tannins and an expressive finish. Drink now through 2025.

2014 FIDÉLITAS ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Sourced from the 2009 planting of the Fidélitas Estate Vineyard, we used only Clones 2 and 6 Cabernet Sauvignon to create an intense and expressive varietal Estate wine. Rich aromas of blackberry, plum, and dark cherry mingle with cassis, violets, and dried tobacco. The palate is bold and round, offering dark fruit tones of ripe raspberries, and figs, dark chocolate, and cedar shavings, balanced with fine grained tannins and a lasting finish. Drink now through 2026.

2014 QUINTESSENCE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Quintessence Vineyard, on the northeastern edge of the Red Mountain AVA, provides us with the unique 191 and 169 clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, adding a more old-world style to the wine. Dark fruit aromas of plum, blackberry, and black cherry are complimented by herbal notes of dried sage, green olive, and dark chocolate. We find earthy tones and dark berries on the palate, along with brown sugar and toasted almonds, firm tannins, and a lengthy finish. Drink now through 2025.

2014 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD PETIT VERDOT

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Petit Verdot, one of our most limited wines, sources from one, tiny 3-acre block of this unique Bordeaux varietal. Intense black fruit aromas are accompanied by tones of red currant, figs, and dried herbs. The palate is savory with blueberry and black plum notes, minerality, and a subtle flintiness, set within polished tannins. Drink now through 2024.

2014 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Cabernet Franc stands as one of our most limited, and highly sought after wines year to year. The wine is a deep ruby tone, nearly opaque, showing aromas of blueberry, tart cherry, green bell peppers, and a touch of caramel. Tart yet balanced acids on the palate lift flavors of cranberry and dried thyme. Soft tannins carry a bright and lively, lingering finish. Drink now through 2022.

2014 RED MOUNTAIN 4040 RED WINE

4040, the acreage of the Red Mountain AVA, is a dedication to the region we call home. The nose expresses dark fruit aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and plum, along with layers of baking spice, dried tobacco and hints of violet. The palate is very juicy with flavors of raspberry and kirsch, expressing soft rounded tannins, and finishing with hints of toasted oak and cocoa.