

**2018 WINEMAKER'S SELECT BLOOD RED BARBERA***Vineyard:* McKinley Springs*Cases Produced:* 325*Cooperage:* 12 months American Oak, 60% new*Aging:* Drink now to 2027

Tasting Notes: Made from 100% McKinley Spring Vineyard fruit (Block 11), this is a powerful, rich Barbera that demands your attention from start to finish. Ripe, brambly flavors of black cherry, blackberry pie, and graham rush the palate, while intense acidity creates a mouth-watering finish. Pair this wine with bold flavors like grilled Italian sausage, Bolognese sauce, or Gorgonzola cheese.

2018 RESERVE BLOOD RED BARBERA*Vineyard:* McKinley Springs, Cascade Cliffs, Six Prong*Cases Produced:* 175*Cooperage:* 20 months American Oak, 60% new*Aging:* Drink now to 2027

Tasting Notes: Another full-on fruit bomb, this vintage of Blood Red explodes with smokey sweet red and black fruit. The finish is vibrant, warm, and almost never-ending. Pair this wine with intense and salty cheeses, BBQ ribs, or bittersweet chocolate.

2018 RESERVE NEBBIOLO*Vineyard:* McKinley Springs, Cascade Cliffs*Cases Produced:* 312*Cooperage:* 20 months American Oak, 40% new*Aging:* Drink now to 2030

Tasting Notes: Heady aromas of bergamot and woody pine are followed by flavors of dried strawberry and sweet herbs. A beautiful wine that will age well for the next decade. Pair this wine with subtle, earthy flavors of mushrooms, truffles, and wild game.

BARBERA FUN FACTS**1**

Barbera is an Italian varietal, originating from Italy's Piedmont region and is best known in the areas of Alba and Asti. Although its origins are here, the grape is widely planted throughout the country and is currently Italy's third most planted red varietal.

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The characteristics of the varietal are higher in acidity, lower in tannins, and have dark pigments in its color. The higher acidity lends itself to a wide variety of food pairing, while the lower tannins allow it to be enjoyed more in its youth than other red wines.

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Barbera can be made into a wide variety of styles, from lighter table wines to a full-bodied, richer style. It can also be made into sweet, sparkling, and rosé style wines. Barbera is incredibly versatile, making it that much more delicious and loved.

PIEDMONT CLUB

If you're a member of the Piedmont Club, you are deeply entrenched in the culture of Cascade Cliffs. Our focus has been on the varietals and wines that originated in *Piemonte*, a small region in the Northwest corner of Italy. If you're fortunate, you've been to this magical land and know how treasured the Barbera, Dolcetto, and Nebbiolo grapes are in that area. Maybe you haven't had the chance to visit yet, but still, you've gained an appreciation for these varietals and the wines created from them. With bold, bright, and intriguing character, it's not difficult to develop a passion for these wines.

While our product line-up has expanded over the years, it's our love of Piedmont varietals that separates us from other American wineries. Seek out New World producers of Barbera and Nebbiolo and you're sure to find several examples, but rarely will you find that these wines are a focal point, and certainly not as finely crafted. From a marketing perspective, it's much safer to hedge your bets on more well-known wines that are household names. Taking a safe route has never been our style, though, and commitment, perseverance, and innovation have allowed us to stay the course with these Italian gems. More importantly, we've been blessed with a loyal, equally passionate fan-base.

We are rewarding our Piedmont Club members this Fall with three special wines — the 2018 Reserve Nebbiolo, 2018 Winemaker's Select Blood Red Barbera, and the 2018 Reserve Blood Red Barbera. All three are showcasing the expressive, flaunty character of this vintage — bold, fruit-forward, and proud.



Your club wines drink incredibly well right now, but will also age for many years to come. The Fall allotment of this club focuses on the more unique, low-production selections, aka "Winemaker's Select". This isn't just a fancy term slapped on the label. It's a distinction among our wines, an endeavor to take these varietals to the extremes of what defines quality and what sets certain wines apart from others. Select vineyard sites and extra care in the winemaking process take precedence. They are made for you, our most dedicated Piedmont selections for our biggest Piedmont fans...

We thank you all for your continued support and shared passion for these wines. It has not been an easy year, for any of us, but we move forward and continue to savor the comforts of good food, fine wine, and connection among us. Enjoy these wines and take heart in the special place you have placed yourself in the world of wine.

*With good cheer,
~ All of us at Cascade Cliffs Vineyard & Winery*