

2003

*Columbia Valley*

# Cabernet Sauvignon

**Release Date**  
October 2006

**Vineyards**  
McKinley Springs \* Phinny Hill  
*(Horse Heaven Hills)*

**Varietal Composition**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Cooperage**  
100% French oak  
70% new  
24 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$29.00

**Reviews**  
91 Wine & Spirits  
91 Wine Enthusiast

**Notes**

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# Inspiration

**Release Date**  
October 2006

**Vineyards**  
McKinley Springs \* Phinny Hill  
*(Horse Heaven Hills)*

**Varietal Composition**  
45% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
22% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc,  
11% Petit Verdot, 11% Malbec

**Cooperage**  
100% French oak  
70% new  
24 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$45.00

**Reviews**  
93 Wine Enthusiast

**Notes**

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Joe and Rebecca Gunselman followed a dream to Washington state in July 1998. That dream came to fruition with their 1999 Cabernet Sauvignon. Over the past 6 vintages, the Gunselmans have worked with grapes from throughout the Columbia Valley but the grapes from Horse Heaven Hills are always a favorite. By the 2003 vintage, all the grapes for Robert Karl Cellars were sourced from four vineyards in Horse Heaven. Three were planted specifically for Robert Karl; **Phinny Hill** Vineyard in 1999, **McKinley Springs** in 2000 & 2001, and **Gunselman Bench** in 2000.

Joe is the wine maker and Rebecca markets the wine but both have a hand in all aspects. They are assisted in the winery by their three sons, Joe (19), Sam (17), and Karl (14.) The name **Robert Karl** is a joining of Rebecca and Joe's grandfather's names.

Joe is a self taught winemaker but continues his education through UC Davis and Walla Walla Institute of Enology and Viticulture. By day, Joe is an anesthesiologist at Sacred Heart Medical Center and finds his science is an invaluable asset. Dr. Gunselman is aware that classical teaching does not include wine as one of the basic food groups. He does believe, however, (wholeheartedly) that wine is an essential part of every meal.

The wines are available through the mailing list, wine shops and restaurants.

2005

*Columbia Valley*  
**Sauvignon Blanc**

**Release Date**  
July 2006

**Vineyards**  
McKinley Springs

**Varietal Composition**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Cooperage**  
75% barrel fermented in  
100% new French oak  
5 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$12.00

*Sold Out; look for the 2006 in July '07*

**Reviews**

Paul Greggett of the Seattle Times writes "Toasty and stylish, this 100 percent varietal wine is mostly barrel fermented in new French oak. This Spokane winery piles on flavors of toasted coconut, melon, custard pie, light tropical fruits and hints of buttered toast. The quality far exceeds the price."

**Notes**

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2004

*Columbia Valley*  
**Merlot**

**Release Date**  
July 2006

**Vineyards**  
Andrews Horse Heaven Ranch

**Varietal Composition**  
100% Merlot

**Cooperage**  
70% French oak, 30% American  
60% new  
14 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$24.00

**Reviews**  
90 Wine Enthusiast

**Notes**

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2004

*Columbia Valley*  
**Syrah**

**Release Date**  
February 2006

**Vineyards**  
McKinley Springs

**Varietal Composition**  
100% Syrah

**Cooperage**  
70% French oak, 30% American  
60% new  
14 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$29.00

*Sold Out; look for the 2005 in May '07*

**Reviews**

Outstanding! Wine Press Northwest

**Notes**

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2003

*Columbia Valley*  
**Claret**

**Release Date**  
February 2006

**Vineyards**  
McKinley Springs  
Phinny Hill

**Varietal Composition**  
53% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
17% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc,  
10% Petit Verdot, 10% Malbec

**Cooperage**  
70% French oak, 30% American  
60% new  
23 months in barrel

**Price**  
\$19.00

*Sold Out; look for the 2004 in March '07*

**Reviews**

90 Wine & Spirits  
90 Wine Enthusiast

**Notes**

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