

2022

## DIVISION-VILLAGES "BÉTON"

The heart of "Béton" will always hail from our experiences with the wines of the Loire.

BOX SCORE	
VARIETY	CABERNET FRANC 35%   CÔT 32%   GAMAY 24% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 5%   PINOT NOIR 4%
APPELLATION	AMERICAN RED WINE
AGEING	6 MONTHS CONCRETE TANKS AND NEUTRAL OAK BARRELS & PUNCHEONS
ALC	13%
PH	3.73
PRODUCTION	1272 CASES



### VINTAGE RECAP

The last handful of growing seasons has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs, thrills and spills, and everything in between. 2022 was no different.

April was dramatic, to say the least. Bud break ensued for many of grape varieties in early April, and then a massive cold front came through that brought very late-season snow and ice and caused widespread frost damage on many of the early buds. The rest of April and into June stayed rainy and unseasonably cool. Seriously behind at this point, many of us pondered if this growing season was done before it started.

And then things changed. The sun came up, the days warmed, and our resilient vines did what they always do, find a way to thrive. The summer was ideal for the Northwest and slowly our spirits rose, but the nagging question remained, what will happen during the early fall? The weather held until October 16, enough time for us to harvest all of our sites in near-perfect conditions and with near-perfect ripeness.

The grapes for Béton came from several vineyards around the Northwest and while our start was rocky, this was the first year since 2018 that all of the vineyards were harvested in ideal conditions and without complications like wildfires, mildew, or drought.

### WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

The Béton blend features several grape varieties and fermentation techniques that all come together once blended after 5–6 months of aging. The heart of this wine is the Loire clone Cabernet Franc from the Applegate Valley fermented mostly whole cluster with natural yeasts both individually and co-fermented with Côt (Malbec). A new organic site near the western edge of the Yakima brought additional Côt with a delicious floral dimension. Gamay took a larger presence this vintage and smaller quantities of Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon rounded out a special year of this wine.

### TASTING NOTES

The Loire Valley, and notably the wines of Cheverny, were the initial inspiration for the flavor profile of Béton. Since its inception, we've loved bringing together a mix of varieties that perfectly fit our mission with this wine – yumminess for any occasion, the ultimate bistro wine for one and all!