

## 2018 Two Blondes Vineyard Red Wine

**ANDREW  
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Two Blondes is an important site because it represents the coolest site that we work with. This allows for some of the most elegant wines that we craft. It is also named after two of the owners of the Vineyard who happen to be blonde!

2018 was another warm vintage that cycled through cool and warm months at the start of the growing season. April was cool, delaying bud break slightly. Then May was one of the warmest on record, advancing bloom. This was followed by a cooler-than-average June. Bloom was notably fast and even, contributing to a larger crop size that required extensive thinning. July and August temperatures were quite warm, so much so that heading into veraison, 2018 was shaping up to be among the warmest vintages on record – and it still was based on Growing Degree Days. However, temperatures cooled considerably in September, creating ideal conditions for ripening.

### Reviews:

**(95 Points)**...Lots of tobacco, tapenade, smoked black fruits, and iron notes emerge from the 2018 Two Blondes Vineyard, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a plush, rounded texture, ripe tannins, and a great finish...this complex, rich, nicely concentrated 2018 will keep for two decades.

**Jeb Dunnuck – Jebdunnuck.com**

**(92+ Points)**...Opens with a lush and warm nose with aromas of blackberry jus, spiced plums and baked earth. Medium to full-bodied, the palate displays a balanced structure as dusty fruit flavors unpack across the mid-palate, ending with a long, winding finish leaving persistent flavors of black cherry skin in the mouth...Keep an eye out for this release.

**Anthony Muller – Wine Advocate**

**Composition:** 64% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Vinification:** Indigenous yeasts, primary fermentation in stainless steel tanks using a Pulseair for cap management, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO<sub>2</sub>

**Vineyard (Estate):** Two Blondes (~30 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, Vineyard Manager = Patrick Rawn), *Andrew Will Winery owns the Vineyard.*

**AVA:** Yakima Valley AVA, Washington State, USA

**Average Age of Vines:** 18 Years

**Time in barrels:** 22 months (25% New French Oak, 75% Neutral French Oak)

**Bottling Date:** June 15 2020

**Release Date:** February 2023

**Total Production:** 577 Cases

