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### FIDELITAS White Wine, Red Mountain 'Optu' 2022

The 2022 Optu is a blend of 63% Sauvignon Blanc and 37% Semillon, with fruit coming mainly from the Klipsun Vineyard. It ages eight months on the lees in 13% new French oak. Glorious notes of ripe red apples, cinnamon spice, ripe D'Anjou pears, and yellow flowers pop from the glass, and there aren't any of those harsh pyrazine notes you typically get from this varietal. Perfect levels of acidity, gorgeous fruit, and spicy and earthy finish. It is an incredible bottle of wine, one of the best white wines from WA. 576 cases produced.

\$40

95 Points

2024-2030

### FIDELITAS Semillon, Red Mountain 2022

Pouring a light golden core with a silvery rim, the 2022 Semillon from Fidelitas gifts notes of yellow peach, bitter herbs, dried pineapple, cream, and freshly baked biscuit. With moderate acidity and a medium body, it finishes a touch short with a herbal and stone-fruit finish.

\$30

2024-2028

90 Points

### FIDELITAS Merlot, Red Mountain 'Quintessence Vineyard' 2021

The 2021 Quintessence Vineyard Merlot from Fidelitas spent 18 months in 45% new French oak and 20% new American oak and pours a medium ruby-garnet core with a bright red rim. Bountiful notes of ripe black cherries, licorice root, dusty cedary herbs, and ground cloves pop from the glass. Grippy tannins, moderate plus acidity, and a rich, lush fruity-driven finish complete the wine. 490 cases produced.

\$55

93 Points

2024-2034

FIDELITAS Malbec, Red Mountain 'Quintessence Vineyard' 2021

Aged for 18 months in 30% new American oak and 10% new French oak barrels, the 2021 Quintessence Malbec is a fantastic wine that pours a deep, glimmering purple core with a light neon purple rim. I loved the expressive notes of dried violet flowers, blackberries, blue plums, white pepper, and singed tobacco that spills from the glass. It finishes with a gorgeous spine of acidity, fine-grained tannins, and a yummy blue fruit-driven finish. 490 cases made.

\$60

94 Points

2024-2034

FIDELITAS Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain 'Estate Vineyard Clone 169' 2021

Aged for 28 months in 75% new French oak and 25% new American oak, the 2021 Estate Vineyard Clone 169 Cabernet from Fidelitas sports a glistening medium-dark ruby-blue core with a bright red rim. Bountiful notes of boysenberries, candied blueberries, mountain sage, pencil shavings, and milk chocolate are all present and perfectly combined. It ends with chalky tannins, high acidity, toasted anise and a black-fruit finish. 196 cases were made. Better in 2025.

\$85

2025-2035

95 Points

FIDELITAS Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain 'Estate Vineyard Clone 412' 2021

The stunning 2021 Estate Vineyard Clone 412 Cabernet from Fidelitas was aged in 75% new French oak for 28 months and pours a medium-dark ruby garnet core with a fluorescent purple rim. Layered and interesting from start to finish, it pops with notes of dried purple flowers, macerated blackberries, cassis, damp earth, and toasted cedary herbs. Aggressive tannins need another year or 2 to soften but it's balanced with the superb acidity and a long black-fruit finish. 196 cases were made. Highly recommended.

\$85

2025-2035

96 Points

### FIDELITAS Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain 'Quintessence Vineyard' 2021

This 2021 Quintessence Cabernet from Fidelitas is the best one yet from the estate. Pouring a deep ruby-purple core with a light purple rim, it is focused, structured, balanced and impeccably made. Scintillating notes of black and blue plums, marionberries, sweet toasted cinnamon, damp earth, dried purple potpourri, sweet Blood orange zest, hints of toasted walnut shells, and just a smooch of pink peppercorn. Tannins are perfectly in sync with the moderate plus acidity and the long, long fruit, earth, and spice-driven finish that goes on for minutes. Bravo! Best in 2025 and then enjoy over the next 20 years with proper cellaring. Highly recommended and editor's choice.

97 Points

2025-2045

### FIDELITAS Merlot, Red Mountain 'IV Montem Soils' 2021

The IV Montem Soils series is a special bottling of 7 different wines chosen from the 12 acres of the Fidelitas Estate to showcase the highest quality wines of the vintage. This is the 100% Merlot bottling that sports a dark ruby-purple core with a neon pink rim. Black cherry, mountain blueberries, bitter dusty herbs, violet flowers, and just a smooch of sweet vanilla aromas shine through. Tannins are a bit tight but sweet, while the moderate acidity helps carry the dark cherry and earthy finish. Better in 2025.

2025-2035

94 Points

### FIDELITAS Malbec, Red Mountain 'IV Montem Soils' 2021

The IV Montem Soils series is a special bottling of 7 different wines chosen from the 12 acres of the Fidelitas Estate to showcase the highest quality wines of the vintage. Pouring a deep purple core with a light neon purple-blue rim, the 2021 IV Montem Soils Malbec commences a bit tight on the nose, but within 5 minutes, a potpourri of aromas were popping. Think notes of dark brambly berries, crushed blueberry compote, sweet chocolate powder, toasted anise, dusty, cedary herbs, and shades of damp earth. Tannins are grippy and young, while the acidity is elevated and helps focus in on the incredible black fruit and spice-driven finish. Better in 2026 and then enjoy for another decade or more with proper cellaring.

95 Points

2026-2036

### FIDELITAS Red Wine, Red Mountain 'IV Montem Soils' 2021

The IV Montem Soils series is a special bottling of 7 different wines chosen from the 12 acres of the Fidelitas Estate to showcase the highest quality wines of the vintage. A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Petit Verdot, 20% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc makes up the 2021 IV Montem Soils Red Wine from Fidelitas. Pouring a brooding deep purple core with a fluorescent purple rim, this tight-young wine has a ton of promise in the glass. Bountiful notes of black plums, black and red currants, tobacco leaf, cassis, sweet tangerine zest, dried mountain sage, eucalyptus, and sweet clove. Acidity falls in the moderate plus range, alongside tight tannins and a full-bodied mouthfeel. Give this one another 2 years before you open it up for best results.

95 Points

2026-2036

### FIDELITAS Petit Verdot, Red Mountain 'IV Montem Soils' 2021

The IV Montem Soils series is a special bottling of 7 different wines chosen from the 12 acres of the Fidelitas Estate to showcase the highest quality wines of the vintage. Pouring a deep purple core with a light purple rim, the 2021 IV Montem Soils Petit Verdot sports notes of crushed blackberries, dark plums, dried herbs, violets flowers, black pepper, anise, and loamy soils. Grippy tannins are in balance with the elevated acidity, ending with a full-bodied, dense, and layered mouthfeel. Better in 2026.

94 Points

2026-2036

### FIDELITAS Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain 'IV Montem Soils' 2021

The IV Montem Soils series is a special bottling of 7 different wines chosen from the 12 acres of the Fidelitas Estate to showcase the highest quality wines of the vintage. The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% varietally focused and displays a brooding deep purple-garnet core with a slightly brickish rim. This is the best of the bunch from the series, with serious notes of crushed blackberries, black currants, pink peppercorn, cedary herbs, sweet licorice, dried mountain sage, bruised thyme, and a smooch of blood orange to finish things off. Incredibly young, this one will be much better with 3-5 years of aging to give the focused tannins some time to relax and then enjoy this one over the next 15 years or longer. Put me in front of a fire on a cold December day and let me sit with this wine for a couple of hours, and I would be perfectly content. Highly recommended.

2026-2041

96 Points