

MERCER BROS.

MERLOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS, COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINTAGE: 2018



Nearly fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Columbia Valley's Horse Heaven Hills, on land our great-grandfather settled in 1886. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines, grown predominantly from these original vineyards - tended by us, made by us.

- Will Mercer & Rob Mercer

WILL & ROB'S NOTES:

This wine begins with aromas of candied walnuts and ripe raspberry jam. Dried cranberries mingle with sweet coconut and vanilla. The palate is bursting with flavors of blueberries and mocha. This wine has a structural core of powdery tannins that are lifted with a touch of acidity. This big, bold Merlot will pair well with many dishes and has amazing aging potential.

ESTATE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. The fruit is exposed to dappled sunlight, allowing for uniform ripening and flavor development. Well balanced crop levels have allowed us to create wines with great depth and concentration.

GROWING SEASON:

The 2018 growing season was steady and warm, with harvest right on schedule from early September through mid October. The warm days and cool nights of September gave us ample fruit flavor development, ending with deep concentration balanced with bright acidity, and dusty tannins for excellent texture and finish.

WINEMAKING:

These grapes were picked and immediately sorted in the vineyard. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, individual lots were fermented in stainless steel tanks. This wine was barrel aged for 20 months in 25% new French and American Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills in the Columbia Valley

BLEND: 98% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A: 0.49 g/100 ml

PH: 3.88

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