



BLOCK 93

Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: EAGLE & PLOW

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2018

All proceeds Mercer Estates captures from the sale of this wine benefit everyday heroes through charities such as Children of Fallen Patriots, Friends of Flight 93, Semper Fi Fund and SEE 4 VETS.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This very special block of vines have slowly begun to mature, and the resulting wine is evidence of that. Intoxicating aromas of boysenberry, violet and vanilla combine with hints of leather and black cherry. On the palate, the wine is mouth filling with powdery tannins. A veil of smoky char brings warmth to the wine. This wine is balanced and elegant with a powerful grace that will ensure its aging potential for many years.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine comes from Block 93 of our Estate Cavalie Vineyard. The Cavalie Vineyard slopes gently to the south allowing for optimal fruit exposure and air movement through the vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

The 2018 vintage started out nice and warm, ideal for a typical Washington harvest. We did not experience any major hot or cold temperatures September through October which lead to slow and even ripening and amazing flavor development.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested with our 'Selective Harvest' attachment allowing the fruit to be 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 French oak and stainless steel tanks with various cap management techniques such as pumpovers, delestage (Rack & Returns), and punchdowns to allow gentle extraction of color and tannins. After draining the wine and pressing, the wine was racked to a blend of new and old French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 22 months in barrel before being blended together.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.5%
T.A: 0.54 g/100mL
pH: 3.88
UPC: 898012002521

