

# Red Blend

LABEL: SUBSOIL

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2018



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas of ripe black cherry and blueberries with notes of milk chocolate, coffee and sweet smoke lend to a balance of plush fruit and powdery tannins in the mid-palate, ending with a long lingering finish with notes of Bing cherry and spice.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

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 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

These grapes were sorted in the vineyard with the selective harvest on our Pellenc harvesters. 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. Twice daily pumpovers allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins. This wine was barrel aged for 16 months in 25% New French and American Oak.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 43% Merlot, 36% Syrah, 15% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Mourvedre

Alcohol: 14.1%

T.A: 0.57 g/100 ml

pH: 3.91