

Merlot

LABEL: ROBERT WILLIS

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2019



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of red cherry and cranberry blended with charred wood and hazelnut. Hints of black pepper along with medium plus acid lend to the complexity of the wine.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from our Spice Cabinet, Zephyr Ridge, and Dead Canyon Vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills.

GROWING SEASON

2019 was a cooler vintage which allowed for even ripening and flavor development. This lent to great acidity and fresh fruit aromas. The consistent temperate conditions allowed for an elegant style of grape maturation.

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. 18 month aging in 18% new French and American oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.1%

T.A: 0.56 g/100 ml

pH: 3.70

UPC: 898012002583