

Sharp Sisters

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2018



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of plum and salted caramel on the nose are mirrored on the palate and give way to flavors of red cherry, thyme and leather. The soft round tannins lend to a beautifully balanced wine.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown in 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 harvested and sorted in the vineyards with our "Selective Harvester" to allow for maximum hang-time and flavor development. 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. After fermentation, the wine was racked to a combination of French and American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 46% Merlot, 45% Syrah, 7% Malbec, 2% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.8%

T.A: 0.38 g/100 ml

pH: 3.87