

White Blend

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas of grapefruit and bright lime zest are abundant on the nose, finishing with honeysuckle and passion fruit. The racy acidity from the Sauvignon Blanc carries through the mid-palate, rounding out with the savory creamy notes from the Viognier.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine came from our estate Culloden and Spice Cabinet vineyards in the acclaimed Horse Heaven Hills.

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 vintage was warmer than average. We experienced extremely high temperatures in June and July. The crop was lighter than expected with smaller clusters and lower number of berries. Mid to late October brought a lot of rain; fortunately for us we were able to bring in all the fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated, though a lighter yield, year will be one for the books.

WINEMAKING

The Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier grapes were machine harvested separately in the early morning hours to allow the fruit to arrive at the winery cool. Once at the winery, the juice was gently pressed away from the grape skins. The freshly pressed juice was allowed to cold settle for 48 hours and then clean racked off the solids. Fermentation was initiated with specific yeasts known to enhance expression of each of the two varieties. The Viognier portion of this blend went into neutral barrels and a clay amphorae where it finished primary fermentation.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Viognier
Alcohol: 13.0%
T.A: 0.44 g/100 ml
pH: 3.40