

# Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: CAVALIE 7

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2018



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas of ripe blackberries, dried red fruit, warm spice and hints of cocoa and smoky char create vibrant layers of complexity. The dense, dusty tannins on the palate give this wine intense richness and texture. The graceful power of this wine results in a deep, lingering finish.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

With a gentle southwest slope, our Cavalie vineyard has consistently produced some of our best Cabernet Sauvignon and Block 7 showcases that in this wine.

## 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 grapes were harvested and sorted in the vineyards with our "Selective Harvester" to allow for maximum hangtime and flavor development. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the fruit in a stainless steel tank with a combination of pump-overs and rack & returns (délestage) to control extraction and flavors. After fermentation, the wine was racked to barrels consisting of old and new French oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.38 g/100mL

pH: 3.91

## ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

*San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition - Gold*