

MERCER BROS.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS, COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINTAGE: 2020



Nearly fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Columbia Valley's Horse Heaven Hills, on land our great-grandfather settled in 1886. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines, grown predominantly from these original vineyards - tended by us, made by us.

- Will Mercer & Rob Mercer

VINEYARD SOURCE:

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 2020 vintage started out cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. Because of the warmer temperatures, crop yields were lower. Along with the lower crop yields, the grapes were able to develop concentrated and vibrant flavors which allowed for even ripening. 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 pump overs allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins. This wine was aged for 16 months in 29% New French and American Oak.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

This wine has aromas of cherries and ripe raspberries with hints of vanilla and toasted cedar. Powdery tannins lend structure to this wine, while maintaining elegance and ending in a long lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

BLEND: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 12% Syrah

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A: 0.62 g/100 ml

PH: 3.84

UPC: 8-9801200270-5

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

91pts Tasting Room Magazine

90 pts Wine Spectator

Gold San Francisco Intl/ Wine Comp.

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Best Buy - Wine Enthusiast

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Top 100 Wine - Wine Spectator

90 pts Wine Spectator - Smart Buys

91 pts James Suckling

92 pts Sunset Mag. Intl. Wine Comp.



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