

Sharp Sisters

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This blend opens with aromas of cherry and strawberry. The nose is mirrored on the palate and accentuated with notes of cocoa, coffee and sweet tobacco. This unique blend is well balanced with a long, lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown in our acclaimed estate Spice Cabinet and Eagle & Plow 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.

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. We fermented the fruit in stainless steel tanks with twice daily pumpovers to allow gentle extraction of color and tannins. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 37% new French oak and 13% new American oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 54% Merlot, 39% Syrah, 5% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.1%

T.A: 0.53 g/100 ml

pH: 3.86