

Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: MERCER FAMILY VINEYARDS RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas of cherry, fig, cocoa, and chocolate are highlighted by toffee and nuttiness. The ripe fruit flavors carry through in the palate with a light touch of acidity. Sleek, powdery tannins provide structure on the finish.

-Head Winemaker, Ashley Stephens

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. Sourced from our Eagle & Plow, Zephyr Ridge, and Milt's vineyards. 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 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 numbers of berries. Mid to late October brought rain, but fortunately for us, we were able to bring in all of our fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated and although a lighter yield, it will be one for the books.

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 pumpovers allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins. After draining the wine and pressing the skins, the wine was racked to a blend of French and American oak barrels with 30% new oak impact for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in barrel for 18 months before being blended together for bottling.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 5% Syrah

Alcohol: 15.1%

T.A: 0.45 g/100 ml

pH: 4.02

UPC: 898012002019

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

92pts - James Suckling

91pts - Tasting Room Magazine

Silver - San Francisco Chronicle
Wine Competition

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020:

Double Gold - Seattle Wine Awards

93pts & 2023 Washington Winery of the

Year- New York International Wine Competition
Silver - International Women's
Wine Competition



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