

MERCER BROS.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2021



Our great-grandfather, Willis Mercer, settled in Washington in 1886. Over fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines - tended by us, made by us.

Will Mercer & Rob Mercer

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

This wine is bursting with notes of cherry and raspberry which is accentuated by a hint of almond and creme fraiche. The elegant tannin structure provided by the fruit from Horse Heaven Hills gives balance to the wine. The fruit forward palate is followed with a long, smooth finish.

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 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 a lot of rain, but fortunately for us we were able to bring in all our fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated and although a lighter yield year, 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 tannin. This wine was aged for 16 months in 29% New French and American Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

BLEND: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 3% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T. A: 0.49 g/100 ml

PH: 4.06

UPC: 8-9801200270-5

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.

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

91pts Tasting Room Magazine
90 pts Wine Spectator
Gold San Francisco Intl/ Wine Comp.

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Best Buy - Wine Enthusiast



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