

# Syrah

**LABEL:** SMALL LOT

**AVA:** HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**VIN:** 2020



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Syrah opens with notes of strawberry and bramble. Strawberry is prevalent on the palate and is accented with notes of cured meat, sweet tobacco and hints of thyme. This complex and layered wine has a long, supple finish.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed estate Milt's Vineyard 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. The temperature change was very consistent. 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 fresh fruit aromas with balanced acidity.

## 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 stainless steel tanks with twice daily pumpovers. After fermentation, the wine was drained, pressed, and sent to barrel for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months in 15% New French Oak.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 95% Syrah, 3% Malbec, 2% Sangiovese

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.56 g/100 ml

pH: 3.94

UPC: 898012002040

Date Bottled: 3/1/2023

Cases Produced: 52

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