



Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: EAGLE & PLOW

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020

All proceeds Mercer Eststaes captures from the sale of this wine benefit everyday heroes through charities such as Children of Fallen Patriots, Friends of Flight 93, Semper Fi Fund and SEE 4 VETS.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This very special block of vines have slowly begun to mature, and the resulting wine is evidence of that. Intoxicating aromas of caramel, coffee and blackberry combine with hints of tea tree and eucalyptus. On the palate, the wine is mouth filling with powdery tannins. A veil of smoky char brings warmth to the wine. This wine is balanced and elegant with a powerful grace that will ensure its aging potential for many years. NEEDS TASTING NOTES

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine comes from Block 93 of our estate Cavalie Vineyard. Cavalie Vineyard slopes gently to the south, allowing for optimum fruit exposure and air movement through the vineyard.

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

The fruit was harvested on October 28, 2017. 2017 was the sixth harvest for this block and yielded 3.5 tons of fruit. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the wine in our oak upright tank with twice daily punch downs. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 4 new French oak and 5 older French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in those 9 barrels for 18 months before being blended together. NEED

WINEMAKING NOTES

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.63 g/100mL

pH: 3.89

