

Orange Muscat

LABEL: HERITAGE SERIES

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2024

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

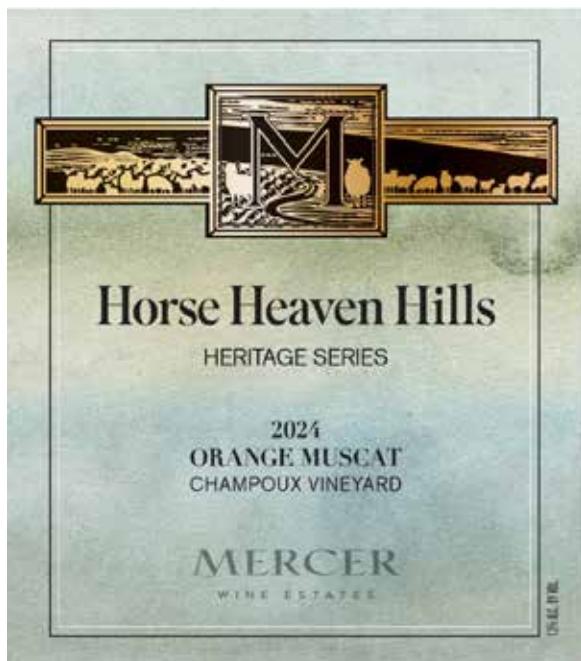
Fragrant aromas of orange blossom, ripe apricot, and pear lead into a medium-bodied palate with a silky, viscous texture and vibrant acidity. Layers of wild strawberry and a hint of ginger unfold, adding depth and character. The finish is fruit-driven, beautifully balanced, and lingers with elegance. This wine is a natural pairing with Mercer Ranch Almonds, almond croissants, shortbread cookies, and almond biscotti - anything that highlights the nutty, butteriness of the wine.

VINEYARD SOURCING

Muscat Canelli is one of the world's oldest grape varietals, renowned for its use in winemaking around the world. Don Mercer cultivated this grape at his Mercer Ranch Vineyard, now known as Champoux Vineyard. It is with great pride that Mercer Wine Estates reintroduces this distinctive wine as the inaugural release in our newly launched Horse Heaven Hills Heritage Series.

GROWING SEASON

Bud break occurred later than usual. Despite the later start, the growing season unfolded at a relatively steady pace with few hot days and mild temperatures through the summer. This allowed for gradual development of the fruit. 2024's vintage was shaped by its slower start, steady progress, and a climate that allowed for gradual, high-quality ripening. It required a careful balance of patience and resilience, ultimately resulting in exceptional fruit.



WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: October 7, 2024

Brix: 24

Primary Fermentation: Fermented on the skins for 11 days prior to pressing, a method typical of red wine or extended maceration white (orange) wine production to enhance phenolic extraction and complexity.

Aging: 4 months in well used large-format barrels, allowing for oxygen exchange and integration without imparting oak character.

Bottling Date: April 8, 2025

Drinkability: 2025-2027

Cases Produced: 115

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Orange Muscat

Alcohol: 13%

T.A: 0.67 g/100 ml

pH: 3.68

RS: 1.47%

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