

MERCER BROTHERS

EDGE OF HEAVEN RED BLEND

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2022

More than fifty years ago, the Mercer family planted the first grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills, right here in Washington state - on land our great-grandfather settled in 1886. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines - tended by us, made by us.

-Rob Mercer

WILL & ROB'S NOTES:

This Syrah-forward red blend pours a deep ruby in the glass, offering inviting aromas of red berries and cranberries. On the palate, it's medium-bodied and juicy, with vibrant acidity that brings freshness and lift. Flavors of red plum and blackberry unfold with a touch of caramelized sugar on the finish, balanced by gentle, well-integrated tannins. Perfectly suited for pairing with goat cheese or a charcuterie board featuring aged cheddar and prosciutto.

ESTATE VINEYARDS:

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 2022 vintage started out cool and wet. A mid-April blizzard caused bud break to be behind by two to three weeks. The delayed timeline carried all the way through harvest. Warmer than normal temperatures in September and October and the lack of end of harvest frost allowed for longer hang time and flavor development during the hot, but brief harvest.

WINEMAKING:

These grapes were picked and immediately sorted in the vineyard. 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. This wine was barrel aged for 14+ months in new French & American Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills in the Columbia Valley

BLEND: 49% Syrah, 36% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A: 0.59 g/100 ml

PH: 3.74

UPC: 8-9801200276-7

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

92 pts, James Suckling

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

92 pts, James Suckling

Double Gold, Pacific Rim Wine Competition

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2021:

90 pts, Paul Gregutt

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

96pts & Double Gold, New York International Wine Competition

90pts, Wine Enthusiast Buying Guide

96pts & Double Gold, International Women's Wine Competition



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