

Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

With a rich and inviting bouquet marked by dark berries and roasted coffee, this wine has great depth with layers of blackberry, currant, and a hint of cocoa. On the palate, this Cabernet delivers a refined balance of ripe raspberry and juicy black cherry followed by notes of vanilla, clove, and a touch of cedar.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills, and is primarily sourced from our Cavalie and Eagle & Plow vineyards. 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 rain, but fortunately for us, we were able to bring in all the fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated and although a lighter yield, it will be one for the books.

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 a stainless steel tank with twice daily pumpovers. After fermentation, the wine was drained and pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months in 57% new French Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.5%
T.A: 0.46 g/100mL
pH: 4.05
UPC: 898012002255

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Sean Sullivan - 90 pts
Great Northwest Wines - Double Gold
Pacific NW Wine Competition - 94 pts

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