

Ode to Brothers

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Rhône-style blend opens with inviting aromas of dark cherry and red plum layered with warm spice. Bright raspberry and tart red fruit take center stage on the palate and are accented by a gentle touch of pepper that adds lift and complexity. Medium tannins and a juicy, well-balanced mouthfeel carry the flavors through to a lively, satisfying finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine grown at our acclaimed Estate Spice Cabinet and Milt's 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 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. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated and although a lighter yield year, it is one for the books.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: Late September - Mid-October

Primary Fermentation: Fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks with twice daily pumpovers and open top bins with twice daily punchdowns.

Aging: Aged for 18+ months in 18% American oak and 11% French oak barrels.

Bottling Date: August 28, 2023

Drinkability: 2026-2036

Cases Produced: 208

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 38% Syrah, 37% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre

Alcohol: 15.1%

T.A: 0.55 g/100mL

pH: 4.04

UPC: 898012002231

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020:

Paul Gregutt - 90 points

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Pacific Northwest Wine Competition - 94 pts & Dbl Gold

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