

MERCER

BROTHERS

CHARDONNAY

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2024



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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Pale gold in color, this Chardonnay shows aromas of lemon zest, brioche, and dried hay with a hint of vanilla spice. The palate is fresh and bright, driven by lively acidity and a clean streak of minerality. A silky, lightly creamy texture leads into a long, refreshing finish that echoes citrus, subtle oak, and stony finesse. Pair with grilled halibut with lemon-herb butter or salad with citrus vinaigrette and toasted almonds

ESTATE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this wine came from our 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:

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 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: Early October 2024
Primary Fermentation: Fermented in oak barrels.
Aging: 8 months in 30% new barrels.
Bottling Date: April 22, 2025
Drinkability: 2025-2030

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills
BLEND: 81% Chardonnay, 19% Viognier
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
T.A: 0.63 g/100 ml
PH: 3.57
CASES PRODUCED: 1,400
UPC: 8-9801200270-5



WASHINGTON STATE
**WINERY OF
THE YEAR 2023**

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

Gold - Berliner Wine Competition
90 pts - James Suckling
Dbl Gold - Wine Press Northwest

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2021:

88 pts - Wine Spectator

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

91 pts - The Somm Journal
91 pts - The Tasting Panel
89 pts - Wine Enthusiast

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2022:

89 pts - Wine Enthusiast