

MERCER

BROTHERS

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2023



Our great-grandfather, Willis Mercer, settled in Washington in 1886. Over fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines - tended by us, made by us.
-Rob Mercer

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

This wine opens with expressive aromas of blackberry, black currant, and ripe plum layered with notes of cocoa, cedar, and baking spice. The palate is rich and structured, showcasing concentrated dark fruit flavors balanced by dusty tannins and vibrant acidity. Hints of dark chocolate, espresso, and toasted oak add complexity through a long, elegant finish.

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 2023 harvest was more normal compared to the past few years. We had a late start to spring and bud break, and had no extreme summer heat events. This led to an early harvest for white grapes which started the day after Labor Day.

WINEMAKING:

Harvest Date: Mid to late October 2023

Primary Fermentation: Fermented in stainless steel tanks with twice daily pumpovers

Aging: In a combination of American, French, and neutral barrels for 18+ months

Bottling Date: June 4, 2025

Drinkability: 2026-2036

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

BLEND: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Syrah

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A: 0.60 g/100 ml

PH: 3.88

UPC: 8-9801200270-5

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Top 100 Wine, Wine Spectator

90 pts, Wine Spectator -

Smart Buy

91 pts, James Suckling

92 pts, Sunset Mag. Intl. Wine Comp.

91 pts, Wine & Spirits - Best Buy

96 pts, San Francisco Chronicle -

Double Gold

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

90 pts, Wine Spectator

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

89 pts, Wine Enthusiast - Best Buy

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020:

Gold, San Francisco Chronicle

90 pts, James Suckling

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2021:

91 pts, Paul Gregutt

90 pts, Jeremy Young, Int'l Wine Review

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2022:

95 pts, NY Int'l Wine Comp

91 pts, Jeremy Young, Int'l Wine Review



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THE YEAR 2023**

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