

Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: MERCER FAMILY VINEYARDS

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2023



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Bright and expressive, this wine reveals aromas of cherry, red plum, and soft vanilla. The palate unfolds with ripe raspberry and red fruit flavors, complemented by a delicate touch of white pepper. Robust tannins and lively acidity create a balanced, lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

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 vintage marked a return to a more typical growing season following several atypical years. A later spring bud break and the absence of extreme summer heat created ideal conditions for steady vine development. Harvest for white wines began just after Labor Day, followed by a brief pause before red fruit started arriving on September 25th. A concentrated ripening period meant that most red varieties were ready within a short window, resulting in an intense, condensed harvest that concluded just before Halloween.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: Late September (September) & Late October (Cabernet)

Primary Fermentation: Stainless steel tanks with twice daily pumpovers.

Aging: 18+ months in 67% French & 33% neutral oak barrels

Bottling Date: February 17, 2026

Drinkability: 2026-2038

Cases Bottled: 1218

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Syrah, 4% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.7%

T.A: 0.62 g/100 ml

pH: 3.82

UPC: 8-9801200201-9

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2021:

NY Int'l Wine Comp - Double Gold, 96 pts

Wine Enthusiast - 88 pts

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020:

Seattle Wine Awards - Double Gold, 95 pts

Great Northwest Wines - Platinum

New York International Wine Comp - 93 pts



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THE YEAR 2023**

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