



2013 SHARP SISTERS HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



The Sharp Sisters Red Blend is crafted in a New World style with the same artistry and craftsmanship Mercer Estates utilizes in their award-winning portfolio of wines. This wine is fun, forward and meant to be enjoyed among family and friends, just as Carma Sharp-Mercer and her sisters would have wanted.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Washington Merlot is supple, yet retains its structure and minerality due to the cooler climate. This is why it was selected to be the primary component of this voluptuous blend. This blend shows a beautiful nose of blackberry preserves and plums with a touch of caramel. The ripe fruit combined with sleek tannins creates a wine that is broad and powerful yet elegant. The ripe flavors in the mouth lead into a soft, lingering finish with a touch of bright acidity that leaves you wanting more.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from our estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills -The Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from our Princeton Vineyard, the Syrah from our Dead Canyon Vineyard, and the Sangiovese and Petit Verdot from our Spice Cabinet Vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

2013 was one of the hottest years on record. A moderate winter lead into a warm spring and a very hot summer. We saw veraison two weeks earlier than normal, and began harvest a week ahead of schedule. A warm, dry September allowed for longer hang time of the grapes which contributed to concentrated flavor development along with ripe tannins.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were individually harvested over several weeks and fermented separately to preserve the individual character of each vineyard. The wine was gently pressed off of the skins before it underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels. The wines were aged for over 20 months in a combination of French and American oak prior to blending.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation	Horse Heaven Hills
Blend	47% Merlot, 41% Syrah, 12% Other
Alcohol.....	14.1
T.A.	0.62 g/100 ml
pH	3.74

SENSORY INDICATOR

