

# Mourvèdre

**LABEL:** SMALL LOT

**AVA:** HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**VIN:** 2020



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of cranberry, strawberry, and tobacco are uplifted with hints of cedar, pepper, and apple blossom. Powdery tannins and bright acidity provide great texture, body and a long pleasing finish.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Spice Cabinet Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. This vineyard sits on a southeast slope above the Columbia River. The orientation of the block allows for morning sun exposure of the fruit, while avoiding the intense afternoon rays.

## GROWING SEASON

The 2020 vintage started out cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. Because of the warmer temperatures, crop yields were lower. Along with the lower crop yields, the grapes were able to develop concentrated and vibrant flavors.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested and sorted in the vineyards with our "Selective Harvester" to allow for maximum hangtime and flavor development. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the fruit in open top fermenters with twice daily punchdowns during primary fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was pressed and then racked into 53% new American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 82% Mourvedre, 14% Syrah, 4% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.51 g/100 ml

pH: 4.01

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