

Ode to Brothers

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of strawberry, blueberry and cherry are highlighted in the mouth with undertones of caramel and warm tobacco. The contribution of each of these Rhone varieties has created a balanced, elegant wine.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine grown at our acclaimed Estate Spice Cabinet and Milt's 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 2020 vintage started out cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. Due to the warmer temperatures, crop yields were lower and 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 stainless steel tanks and open top fermenters with a combination of pumpovers, rack and returns (délestage), and punchdowns to control extraction and flavors. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 25% New French oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 43% Syrah, 34% Mourvedre, 23% Grenache
Alcohol: 14.5%
T.A: 0.47 g/100mL
pH: 4.07
UPC: 898012002231

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Pacific Northwest Wine Competition - 94 pts & Dbl Gold

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Tasting Room Magazine - 94 pts

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2015:

San Francisco Chronicle - Gold

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