

Syrah

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine greets you with aromas of blueberry preserves, black cherry, and savory meat. Complex notes such as tea tree, coffee, thyme and bay leaf balance out the ripe fruit. The sleek tannins in the mouth give this wine great body and weight. The suppleness continues into the finish. This wine is deep, dark, and brooding allowing for its many layers to open up as you enjoy.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from our Estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. The Syrah is sourced from our Milt's and Spice Cabinet Vineyards.

GROWING SEASON

The 2020 vintage started out cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. The temperature change was very consistent. Along with the lower crop yields, the grapes were able to develop concentrated and vibrant flavors which allowed for even ripening. This lent to great acidity and fresh fruit aromas. The consistent temperate conditions allowed for an elegant style of grape maturation.

WINEMAKING

These grapes were sorted in the vineyard with the selective harvest on our Pellenc harvesters. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, individual lots were fermented in stainless steel tanks. This wine was aged for 20 months in 45% new French and American oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.52 g/100 ml

pH: 4.06

UPC: 898012002293

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

91 pts - James Suckling

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

92 pts - Tasting Room Magazine

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2015:

92 pts - James Suckling
