

Reserve Cavalie

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine opens with an inviting bouquet of berries intertwined with a rustic charm reminiscent of old world wines. On the palate, the wine is velvety with well-integrated tannins. The flavors showcase a rich profile of strawberry and raspberry alongside delicate hints of vanilla and biscuit. Each sip reveals layers of complexity, ending in an elegant finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our Cavalie, Spice Cabinet and Zephyr Ridge 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. Because of the warmer temperatures, crop yields were lower. Along with 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 stainless steel tanks and open top fermenters with a combination of pumpovers, rack & returns (délestage), and punchdowns to control extraction and flavors. After fermentation, the wine was drained and racked to 41% new French oak and 14% New American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months. This special Right Bank Bordeaux style blend consists of 4 of the 5 Bordeaux varietals.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.53 g/100mL

pH: 3.98

UPC: 898012002248

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

Gold - San Francisco Chronicle

91 pts - James Suckling

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Gold - Savor NW Wine Awards