

MERCER BROS.

CHARDONNAY

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2023



Our great-grandfather, Willis Mercer, settled in Washington in 1886. Over fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines - tended by us, made by us.

Will Mercer & Rob Mercer

WILL & ROB'S NOTES:

This Chardonnay expresses notes of pear and ripe pineapple. The fresh fruits in the nose are mirrored on the palate and enhanced with subtle notes of apple butter and toast. The wine is rounded out with a soft, lingering finish.

ESTATE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this wine came from our estate Eagle & Plow vineyard in the acclaimed Horse Heaven Hills.

GROWING SEASON:

The 2023 harvest was more normal than the past few vintages. We had a late start to spring bud break and no extreme summer heat events. This led to an early harvest for white grapes, starting the day after Labor Day.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested in the very early hours of the morning so they would arrive to the winery cool. Once at the winery, the grapes went directly to the press where the juice was gently pressed away from the skins. The juice was allowed to cold settle for two days before racking. The juice was inoculated with a Chardonnay specific yeast and allowed to ferment cool over 30 days. 100% of the wine was fermented in barrel to add rich mouth feel and complexity. We inoculated half of the barrels for malolactic fermentation to help contribute to the creaminess. All barrels were hand stirred throughout malolactic fermentation, further adding to the roundness in the mouth feel. This Chardonnay has 2% new French and American Oak impact.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills
BLEND: 100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
T.A: 0.49 g/100 ml
PH: 3.88
UPC: 8-9801200270-5

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

Gold - Berliner Wine Competition
90 pts - James Suckling
Dbl Gold - Wine Press Northwest

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2021:

88 pts - Wine Spectator

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

91 pts - The Somm Journal
91 pts - The Tasting Panel
89 pts - Wine Enthusiast

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2022:

89 pts - Wine Enthusiast



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