

# Carménère

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2022



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Spicy cherry cola and mocha-infused black fruit with subtle green bell pepper notes. Dry and plush with juicy tannins and good volume. Ideal with grilled meats and roasted vegetables. Pairs well with semi-soft cheeses such as gouda or brie.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our estate Milt's Vineyard in the acclaimed 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 2022 vintage started out cool and wet. A mid-April blizzard caused bud break to be behind by two to three weeks. The delayed timeline carried all the way through harvest. Warmer than normal temperatures in September and October and the lack of end of harvest frost allowed for longer hang time and flavor development during the hot, but brief harvest.

## WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: November 3, 2022

Primary Fermentation: Small macro bins with daily punchdowns.

Malolactic Fermentation: 22% new French oak, 78% neutral oak

Aging: 18 months

Blending Date: July 17, 2024

Bottling Date: August 8, 2024

Drinkability: 2025-2031

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 76% Carménère, 24% Syrah

Alcohol: 13.9%

T.A: 0.58 g/100 ml

pH: 3.89

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