

# Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: CAVALIE 7

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of blueberry and blackberry marry beautifully with undertones of caramel and sweet tobacco. Powdery tannins provide great texture and body, leading into a lengthy, velvety finish.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

Horse Heaven Hills is renowned for growing world class Cabernet Sauvignon and our Cavalie Vineyard is no exception. Located above a canyon, the vineyard is warm with uniform silt loam soils and excellent drainage. This wine is sourced directly from Block 7. By utilizing one single block from our Cavalie Vineyard, we are highlighting the great depth and complexity of Cab from the Horse Heaven Hills.

## GROWING SEASON

The 2020 vintage started out cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. The temperature change after the August rise was very consistent. Along with the lower crop yields, the grapes were able to develop concentrated and vibrant flavors. The consistent temperate conditions allowed for an elegant style of grape maturation.

## WINEMAKING

These grapes were double sorted, first in the vineyard with the selective harvest tool on our Pellenc harvesters, then again at the winery on our sorting table. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, we fermented the fruit in open tops and an oak fermenter. A combination of punchdowns and rack & returns allowed us to control extraction of color and tannins. After draining the wine and pressing the skins, the wine was racked to 75% new French Oak, 20% new American Oak, and 5% neutral oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills  
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
T.A: 0.53 g/100 ml  
pH: 3.98  
Date Bottled: September 13, 2022  
Cases Produced: 61