

# Cabernet Sauvignon

**LABEL:** CAVALIE 7

**AVA:** HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**VIN:** 2021



## 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 and our Cavalie Vineyard.

## GROWING SEASON

The 2021 vintage was warmer than average. We experienced extremely high temperatures in June and July. The crop was lighter than expected with smaller clusters and lower numbers of berries. Mid to late October brought a lot of rain, but fortunately for us we were able to bring in all the fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated and although a lighter yield year, it will be one for the books..

## 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 open tops and an oak fermenter and treated with a combination of punchdowns and rack and returns (délestage) to control extraction and flavors. This wine experienced extended maceration on skins for 21 days, creating a highly extracted wine. After fermentation, the wine was drained and pressed into barrels consisting of 96% new oak, primarily French and a little American for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months and is the biggest and boldest Cabernet in our lineup.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.51 g/100mL

pH: 4.01

Date Bottled: August 24, 2023

Cases Produced: 250

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