

Cabernet Sauvignon

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2020



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine is expressive and layered with flavors of ripe cherries and fresh strawberries. Undertones of roasted coffee meld seamlessly with the fruit. Subtle herbal touches of thyme add a savory freshness and earthy backbone, balancing the ripe fruit flavors. A faint note of caramel lingers, offering a smooth and slightly toasty finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Estate vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills, and is primarily sourced from our Cavalie and Eagle & Plow vineyards. 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 our cooler than normal, but temperatures quickly warmed up in August. Because of the warmer temperatures, crop yields were lower. Along with the 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 a stainless steel tank with twice daily pumpovers. After fermentation, the wine was drained and pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months in 68% new French Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.56 g/100mL

pH: 3.91

UPC: 898012002255

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

Sean Sullivan - 90 pts

Great Northwest Wines - Double Gold

Pacific NW Wine Competition - 94 pts

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