

Reserve Cavalie

LABEL: MERCER RESERVE

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The wine presents a deep, dark ruby color, hinting at its rich complexity and depth. The bouquet is beautifully layered with ripe dark berries and earthy undertones of sage. The palate is well-structured with a harmonious balance of fruit and savory elements. Ripe raspberry and blueberry offer a vibrancy that is complemented by bramble and a touch of pepper.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our Eagle & Plow and Spice Cabinet vineyards in the 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 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 rain, but fortunately for us, we were able to bring in all of the fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated, and although a lighter yield, 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 stainless steel tanks and open top fermenters with a combination of pumpovers, rack & returns (délestage), and punchdowns to control extraction and flavors. After fermentation, the wine was drained and racked to 63% new oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.. This special Right Bank Bordeaux style blend consists of 4 of the 5 Bordeaux varietals.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 49% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 15.3%

T.A: 0.42 g/100mL

pH: 3.99

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ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

Gold - San Francisco Chronicle

91 pts - James Suckling

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Gold - Savor NW Wine Awards

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