

# Syrah

**LABEL:** MERCER RESERVE

**AVA:** HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**VIN:** 2021

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A deep, dark purple appearance with a hint of inky richness reflects the bold character of the wine. The nose is captivating, offering ripe plum aromas intertwined with earthy undertones. On the palate, the wine presents a full-bodied experience, with juicy plum flavors at the forefront. Earthy notes provide depth, while a meaty character adds savory richness. With a subtle, peppery finish and balanced acidity, this wine finishes with freshness and vibrancy.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from our Spice Cabinet and Milt's estate 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 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

These grapes were sorted in the vineyard with the selective harvest on our Pellenc harvesters. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, individual lots were fermented in an oak fermenter and open tops with twice daily punchdowns. The oak fermenter was also treated with rack & returns to allow for gentle extraction of color and tannins. The Syrah was co-fermented with a small amount of Viognier to help build mouthfeel during fermentation. This wine was aged for 20 months in 57% new French oak.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 93% Syrah, 3% Malbec, 2% Viognier, 2% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 15.2%

T.A: 0.57 g/100mL

pH: 4.04

UPC: 898012002293

**ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019**

91 pts James Suckling

**ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017**

92 pts Tasting Room Magazine

**ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2015**

92 pts James Suckling



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