

Grenache

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This light red wine opens with aromas of bright fruit and anise. The brightness on the nose is reflected on the palate. Notes of cranberry and strawberry are enlivened with warm baking spices and a light touch of caramel.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Spice Cabinet East Vineyard. Our Spice Cabinet Vineyard sits on a southeast slope above the Columbia River. The orientation of the block allows for morning sun exposure of the fruit while avoiding the intense afternoon rays.

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

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. We fermented the fruit in open top vessels. Twice daily punchdowns helped promote extraction of color and increased tannin structure. After fermentation, the wine was drained, pressed, and barreled down for malolactic fermentation and oak ageing. This wine was aged for 18 months in neutral oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 90% Grenache, 9% Syrah, 1% Malbec
Alcohol: 15.2%
T.A: 0.53 g/100 ml
pH: 3.97
UPC: 898012002088

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019:

San Francisco Chronicle - Gold
Wine Enthusiast - 90 pts

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2016:

Sip Best of the Northwest - Double Gold

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