

# Sharp Sisters

**LABEL:** SMALL LOT

**AVA:** HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**VIN:** 2021



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

On the nose, the wine is complex and inviting, offering a bouquet of strawberries, cherries, and plums balanced by faint notes of roasted coffee and tobacco leaves. The palate is bold yet refined, with the fruit forward flavors leading the way and supported by the earthiness of coffee, tobacco, and subtleties of eucalyptus. The tannins are firm and dusty, lending structure to the wine, with a freshness of acidity adding balance to this complex red blend.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown in our acclaimed estate Spice Cabinet, Cavale, and Eagle & Plow 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 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 harvested and sorted in the vineyards with our "Selective Harvester" to allow for maximum hang-time 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 with twice daily pumpovers to extract color and flavors. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 55% new American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 18 months.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 50% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 15.5%

T.A: 0.52 g/100 ml

pH: 4.02

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