

MERCER BROS.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINTAGE: 2022



Our great-grandfather, Willis Mercer, settled in Washington in 1886. Over fifty years ago the Mercer family planted the first wine grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills. We strive to maintain Willis Mercer's independent spirit in our wines - tended by us, made by us.
-Will Mercer & Rob Mercer

WILL & ROB'S NOTES:

The wine opens with aromas of fresh red currant and ripe raspberry. The lively, fruit-forward character is mirrored on the palate and accented with subtle hints of strawberry, sweet tobacco, and a faint trace of coffee. This wine is rich and structured with a rustic complexity and lively finish.

ESTATE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed 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 2022 vintage started out cool and wet. A mid-April blizzard caused bud break to be behind by two to three weeks. The delayed timeline carried all the way through harvest. Warmer than normal temperatures in September and October and the lack of end of harvest frost allowed for longer hang time and flavor development during the hot, but brief harvest.

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 stainless steel tanks. Twice daily pumpovers allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins. This wine was aged for 16 months in 29% New French and American Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills
BLEND: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah, 7% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Grenache, 1% Carménère
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
T.A: 0.49 g/100 ml
PH: 4.06
UPC: 8-9801200270-5

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

Top 100 Wine, Wine Spectator
90 pts, Wine Spectator -
Smart Buy
91 pts, James Suckling
92 pts, Sunset Mag. Intl. Wine Comp.
91 pts, Wine & Spirits - Best Buy
96 pts, San Francisco Chronicle -
Double Gold

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

90 pts, Wine Spectator
ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019
89 pts, Wine Enthusiast - Best Buy
ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020
Gold, San Francisco Chronicle
90 pts, James Suckling
90 pts & Gold, Pacific Rim



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