

MERCER BROS. MERLOT

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:

This wine opens with an enticing bouquet of vibrant red fruits, led by bright red cherry and the sweet allure of raspberry jam. The wine deepens with the rich, velvety flavors of ripe plum which mingles with subtle, earthy undertones of cedar. This Merlot is structured with a smooth, lingering finish that leaves behind a lovely combination of red fruit, spice, and a delicate nutty warmth.

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 picked and immediately sorted in the vineyard. 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 barrel aged for 22 months in 10% New French and American Oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

BLEND: 75% Merlot, 20% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A: 0.58 g/100 ml

PH: 3.71

UPC: 8-9801200275-0

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2017:

89 pts, The Wine Advocate

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018:

90 pts, Tasting Room Magazine

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2020:

Gold, Cascadia Int'l Wine Comp

90 pts, New York Int'l Wine Com

DbI Platinum & 96 pts, Great

Northwest Wines

90 pts, James Suckling



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