

2015 RED BLEND

==== HORSE HEAVEN HILLS ====



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A warm vintage provided ripe Merlot and Syrah with great concentration and dusty tannins. The resulting wine is bursting with ripe black cherry and plum with notes of caramel, coffee and smoke. A balance of plush fruit and powdery tannins in the mid-palate lead into a long lingering finish with notes of bing cherry and spice.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Dead Canyon 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

2015 was the hottest year on record and began with a moderate winter that lead into a warm spring and very hot summer. The warm spring resulted in an early bloom, which caused veraison to occur 2-3 weeks earlier than normal, and began harvest 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The heatwave finally tapered off at the end of August, giving us warm days and cool nights which created the perfect conditions for great fruit flavor development. The cool nights maintained the bright natural acidity in the grapes, resulting in balanced wines with concentrated fruit.

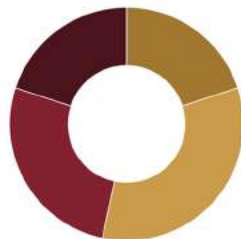
WINEMAKING

These grapes were double sorted, first in the vineyard with the selective harvest on our Pellenc harvesters, then again at the winery on our sorting table. 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.

TECHNICAL NOTES

AppellationHorse Heaven Hills Blend60% Merlot, 30% Syrah, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Sangiovese, 2% Grenache
Alcohol13.9%
T.A.0.54 g/100 ml
pH3.67

SENSORY INDICATOR



- Ripe Black Cherry
- Caramel
- Plum
- Smoke

