

DOUBLE CANYON

2014

DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON Horse Heaven Hills, Washington State



Established in 2007, Double Canyon's driving focus is crafting exceptional Washington Cabernet Sauvignon from great vineyard sites, anchored by our namesake Double Canyon Vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills. Named for two ravines that run through our estate property, Double Canyon wines reflect unique traits resulting from the region's volcanic activity, ancient glacial deposits, desert soils and the persistent wind that blows off the Columbia River.

DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

This wine comes entirely from our estate Double Canyon Vineyard and is crafted to showcase the best characteristics of our land. Our 90-acre parcel is planted to 1,850 vines per acre, exceeding typical Washington standards; this high density of vines produces less fruit on each individual vine, thus increasing overall quality. The vineyard is planted to a range of different Cabernet Sauvignon clones that have been selected for the characteristics they have displayed from our site over the past decade of winegrowing. The fruit is hand-harvested and we perform daily pump overs for extraction. Once fermentation is accomplished, the wine is aged in French oak barrels for 18 months.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2014 proved to be hotter than most Washington growing years, and supersedes 1992 as the warmest year on record. The growing season started with a cold snap at the end of February that quickly gave way to a warm spring. This weather pattern led to an early bud break and bloom, which allowed more flexibility around the timing of harvest. We began to pick Cabernet Sauvignon at the end of September and continued through October. Early cold weather coupled with warm wind events led to a lighter than normal crop load, which ultimately contributed to the expression of exceptional quality in the glass.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Double Canyon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the warm vintage and lighter crop with rich, ripe flavors, heightened concentration and excellent density. Deep ruby in the glass, the wine opens with black cherry and lifted sweet caramel on the nose. The palate is plush, with elegant integrated tannins and balanced acidity. The flavors are reminiscent of tart cherry, cassis, plum and spice—characteristics typically shown from our estate fruit.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION HORSE HEAVEN HILLS BLEND 93% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 7% PETIT VERDOT ALCOHOL 14.3%
BARREL REGIMEN 18 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK; 40% NEW OAK CASE PRODUCTION 918 CASES SRP \$65
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