

# DOUBLE CANYON

2016

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
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.

## HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Located between the Columbia River and the Yakima Valley, Horse Heaven Hills is characterized by a dry desert landscape where strong winds blow continuously across the vineyards. Proximity to the river moderates temperatures and provides a consistent source of water to irrigate the vines in what is one of Washington's warmest appellations. The area also experiences diurnal shifts between extended sunny, warm days and cool evenings. As a result, Cabernet Sauvignon from this region shows ripeness and depth while maintaining optimal natural acidity, making it some of the most sought-after fruit in Washington State.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Double Canyon sources its Horse Heaven Hills fruit from four vineyards in the Alderdale region, namely Phinny Hill, Destiny Ridge, Alder Ridge, and our own Double Canyon Vineyard. In 2016, harvest unfolded early because of warm temperatures throughout the season. Fortunately, the fall temperatures were ideal for extending hang time and picking when the grapes reached their optimum peak. Though it was a challenge picking fruit from all vineyards at once, we couldn't be more pleased with the quality this vintage produced. In fact, we had a hard time deciding on a final blend because we had so many exceptional lots of fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

Characteristic of the appellation and 2016 vintage, this Cabernet offers aromas of blackberry, red plum and floral notes intermixed with touches of forest floor. The addition of Syrah leads to a full and rich texture on the mid-palate, further accented by bright minerality from the Petit Verdot, sweet red cherry from the Merlot and luscious blueberry notes supplied by the Malbec. The soft and supple mouthfeel is supported by the complexity of sweet oak tannins and a hint of anise, finishing with the juicy acidity that is characteristic of Horse Heaven Hills.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION HORSE HEAVEN HILLS BLEND 88% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 6% SYRAH, 3% PETIT VERDOT,  
2% MERLOT, 1% MALBEC ALCOHOL 14.1% BARREL REGIMEN 14 MONTHS, 60% NEW OAK; 60% AMERICAN,  
40% FRENCH, PRODUCTION 10,000 CASES SRP \$25 RELEASE DATE OCTOBER 2018