

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

This remote corner of the world is the birthplace of many prestigious, award-winning wines. Since the AVA was established in 2005, it has received increasing renown as a distinguished Cabernet Sauvignon-producing region.

THE WINE

Our 2014 Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is accented by Syrah and touches of Petit Verdot, Merlot and Malbec. The vast majority of the fruit comes from our own Double Canyon Vineyard, and the remaining elements of the blend are sourced from the nearby Phinny Hill, Champoux and Destiny Ridge Vineyards. Phinny Hill Vineyard is located directly across the road and owned by the family of our General Manager & Winegrower, Will Beightol. Located adjacent to our property, Champoux Vineyard has a reputation for producing many of Washington's critically acclaimed wines. Destiny Ridge Vineyard is located high on the bluffs of the Horse Heaven Hills appellation, overlooking the majestic Columbia River.

Our 2014 Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of small lot bin fermentations mixed with classic stainless steel tank ferments. We selected lots that were particularly aromatic and rich on the palate to best represent the unique terroir of Horse Heaven Hills. The wine was then aged for 14 months in 27% new oak barrels.

VINTAGE

2014 proved to be hotter than most Washington growing years. In fact, it passed 1992 as the warmest year on record. The growing year started with a cold snap at the end of February that quickly gave way to a warm spring, leading to an early bud break and bloom. An early bud break is beneficial because it allows more flexibility around the timing of harvest. We began to pick Cabernet in the Horse Heaven Hills at the very end of September and continued through October. The early cold weather along with some warm wind events led to a lighter than normal crop load on the vines; this ultimately resulted in the expression of exceptional quality in the glass.

TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet embodies an enticing array of ripe red and black plum, intermixed with notes of fresh red cherry. Characteristic of the appellation and 2014 vintage, the nose offers spiced potpourri with a touch of raspberry preserves. The addition of Syrah leads to a full and rich texture on the mid-palate, further accented by bright acidity from the Petit Verdot, sweet red fruit from the Merlot and luscious blackberry notes supplied by the Malbec. The soft and supple mouthfeel is supported by the complexity of sweet oak tannins and fresh fruit character, finishing with the juicy acidity that is characteristic of Horse Heaven Hills.

APPELLATION: **HORSE HEAVEN HILLS**

BLEND: **78% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 12% SYRAH, 5% PETIT VERDOT, 3% MERLOT, 2% MALBEC**

ALCOHOL: **14.2%**

BARREL REGIMEN: **14 MONTHS OAK; 19% NEW FRENCH OAK, 8% NEW AMERICAN OAK**

CASE PRODUCTION: **10,300 CASES**

RELEASE DATE: **MARCH 2016**

SRP: **\$25**



DOUBLE CANYON

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014