

# DOUBLE CANYON

2017

## DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD MALBEC

Horse Heaven Hills, Washington State



Established in 2007, Double Canyon's driving focus is crafting exceptional Washington wines 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

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 Bordeaux varietals and 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

The Horse Heaven Hills provides a world class growing area for Malbec, encouraging excellent cluster size and grapes with intensity and deep color. The tight spacing of the vineyard rows combined with the vine orientation to the sun provide protection for this thin skinned varietal throughout the growing season. Malbec is an important blending component for many of our Cabernet Sauvignons, but stands alone beautifully in this vineyard designate bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine's aroma leads with rich, dark berry fruit accented by vanilla and framed by a light, balanced acidity. The palate presents an extremely smooth texture, with flavors of graham cracker and confectioners' sugar along with baked cherry pie, baking spice and a hint of toast. The wine finishes sweetly and smoothly, fading to a long, smooth finish.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION HORSE HEAVEN HILLS BLEND 97% MALBEC, 3% SYRAH ALCOHOL 14.4%

BARREL REGIMEN 20 MONTHS, 40% NEW FRENCH OAK PRODUCTION 90 CASES SRP \$40

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