



TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.79

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

83% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2021 Founders Series Merlot

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Founders Series honors our legacy as the founding winery of the renowned Horse Heaven Hills region in Washington State. Our winemakers sourced this collection exclusively from the Horse Heaven Hills, crafting each wine to reflect the quality and flavors that made this land and our wines famous.

VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a very warm growing season which resulted in intensely concentrated flavors in the wines.
- Our typical cool nights during harvest helped us retain the wonderful natural acidity Washington is known for.
- The season produced red wines dark in color and dense in concentration and white wines with varietal character and bright vibrancy.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Grapes were sourced from premier vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- The blocks were managed in a way that attributes to perfect canopy balance to fruit ratio. Yields were lowered to allow for increased flavor.
- The quick draining soils and consistent wind add to the quality of the fruit creating grapes with thicker skins and well-developed tannin.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were harvested and sorted to ensure only the best fruit made it into the fermenter.
- Meticulous cap management was implemented to optimize wine structure and flavors.
- Aged up to 20 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels to achieve the perfect balance ratio.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- The Founders Series Merlot pairs well with aged goudas and cured meats. Beef Bourguignon is an ideal entrée that pairs well with Merlot.

TASTING NOTES

Showcasing the very best of Washington State Merlot, this bold wine has aromas of blueberry and marionberry with a smooth, lengthy finish. – Will Wiles, Winemaker