



# 2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

H O R S E H E A V E N H I L L S



### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas of ripe blackberries, black current, savoury herb, and sweet ripe tobacco are highlighted by barrel spices of vanilla and mesquite. The ripe fruit flavors carry through in the palate with a light touch of acidity. Sleek tannins lead into powdery tannins on the finish.

### VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from our Estate Vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. The fruit is exposed to long, hot, summer days with cool nights allowing uniform ripening, flavor development, bright acidity, and rich dark color. The Cabernet Sauvignon hails from Spice Cabinet, Cavalie, Eagle & Plow, and Big Tee Pee Vineyards. The Syrah from our Milt's and Spice Cabinet vineyards and the Merlot from Spice Cabinet and Dead Canyon Vineyards.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2016 vintage started ahead of schedule and had everyone thinking it was going to be even warmer than 2015, however unusually cool temperatures in July and August were followed by a cool October. The cooler summer temps allowed for longer hang time into September and October. The warm days and cool nights of September gave us ample fruit flavor development balanced with bright acidity

### WINEMAKING

During harvest, these grapes were sorted in the vineyard to remove "MOG" (Materials other than Grapes) with our state of the art harvesters and sorting equipment. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, individual lots were fermented in stainless steel tanks. Twice daily pumpovers allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins. After draining the wine and pressing the skins, the wine was racked to a blend of French and American oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in barrel for 20 months before being blended together for bottling.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation .....Horse Heaven Hills  
Blend .....75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah, 10% Merlot  
Alcohol .....14.5%  
T.A. ....0.54 g/100 ml  
pH .....3.91

