



## HORSE HEAVEN HILLS 2018 H3 Merlot

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

We strive for unparalleled quality, which is why our partnerships with growers and family farmers are important. With 95% of our fruit sourced from these local farms, our winemakers work hand-in-hand with these families to produce the highest-quality fruit possible. It's our recipe for success.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- The Horse Heaven Hills vineyards are mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the Cascade range.
- Strong wind patterns in the Horse Heaven Hills reduce canopy size and contribute to even ripening and fruit concentration.
- 95% of our fruit is sourced from local family-owned farms.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were crushed and then fermented 7-14 days on the skins to extract optimum fruit and structural components.
- The majority of the wine was aged for 20 months in a combination of new and older French and American oak barrels.
- Average analysis per 5oz - Calories 129, Carb 3.9g, Protein 0.0g, Fat 0.0g Less than 1 g sugar per 5oz glass

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Grilled Salmon, Roasted Lamb, Wild Game, and Balsamic or Tomato-Based Sauces, grilled burgers.

### TASTING NOTES

This medium-bodied Merlot delivers aromas of spice, plum and blackberry with the perfect balance of earth, cocoa and ripe black cherry notes on the palate. The complex flavors are followed by a smooth, velvety finish.

TA: 0.53 gm/100mL

PH: 3.72

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

### BLEND:

Mainly Merlot with small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon.