



2016 MALBEC HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



This captivating Malbec was crafted from expressive fruit from Double Canyon Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. A touch of Cabernet Sauvignon from our Double River Vineyard, about 8 %, was added to the blend for balance and complexity. Our Malbec fermented slow at cool temperatures, extracting and preserving the beautiful essence of the fruit, while maintaining tannin structure. We prefer to barrel age our Malbec in French oak, to ensure proper integration and minimal impact on the fruit. Only 16% new oak was allowed in this vintage, drawing focus and attention to the specific varietal characteristics.

The vibrant nose will deliver a fusion of fruit-driven aromas of blackberry, mulberry and over-ripe plum. The beautiful bouquet will unveil expressive hints of cotton candy, violets and rose petals and will attract your senses right away. Lush, ripe fruits will explode in the mid-palate, creating a pleasant sensation, with a firm formation of layers in the finish. The roundness from the supple fruit is framed well by the ample tannin and fine acidity. This wine will cellar for many years to come, but if you can't resist, braised brisket tostadas, smoked duck breast or grilled halibut with garlic and brown sugar will accentuate our Malbec even more.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTAGE: 2016

VARIETIES: 92% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARDS: Double Canyon, Double River

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

OAK: 100% French Oak, 16% New, 20 months

ALCOHOL: 15.4% **PH:** 3.88 **T.A.** 5.4g/L **R.S.** 0.2g/L

PRODUCTION: 290 cases