



TA: 0.54 g/100 mL

PH: 3.76

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

86% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

## 2019 H3 Merlot

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

We strive for unparalleled quality, which is why our partnerships with growers and family farmers are so 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES

- Winter temperatures were average preceding the 2019 growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and bud break occurred normally.
- The abundance of snow in February provided ample soil moisture. Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- Summertime temperatures were mild followed by cooler fall temperatures which were ideal for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

### 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.

### 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.
- Lots are kept separate and evaluated throughout aging before an optimal blend is constructed.

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Turkey with citrus based cranberry sauce, strong cheeses, and braised meats.

### 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.