

# MCKINLEY SPRINGS VINEYARD 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Varietal Composition: Appellation: Bottled: Technical Data: Cases Produced: Production & Aging: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills July 28, 2016 Alc. 14.8% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 6.18 g/L; pH: 3.61 278 Barrel aged 21 months in 60% New Nadalie French Oak

## THE VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one for the record books with an exceptionally warm growing season which led to an historically early start and end to the grape harvest in Washington state. At Maryhill Winery, the arrival of grapes began on August 24th and carried strong until the final delivery on October 15th. Although the warmest growing season on record, the quality of the fruit was phenomenal and the wines from the 2015 vintage show to be well-balanced with deep, concentrated flavors.

#### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning McKinley Springs Vineyards from Washington state's renowned Horse Heaven Hills AVA.

#### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness lasting roughly 21 days. Each lot was fermented separately and then blended before bottling to allow the tannins to meld together. To craft this wine, only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was blended. The lots were then aged in Nadalie French oak for 21 months For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before blending and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Cherry and clove with notes of lavender and leather meld into the palate, complimented by a spicy cedar coffee bean and fresh pomegranate finish.

#### AWARDS

Gold/Best of Category; 2018 Northwest Wine Summit



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year Wine Press Northwest, 2015 Winery of the Year San Francisco International, 2014 Top 10 Winery of the World World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014 Winemaker of the Year INDY International, 2013