

Washington Wines Made in Walla Walla

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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

2019 MOURVÈDRE

Heart of the Hill Vineyard, Red Mountain

Our Mourvèdre starts off with beautiful aromas of dark currant, bootstrap, hickory and black liquorice which are followed by flavors of flambéed strawberries, dried herbs, white pepper and semi-sweet chocolate. The silky smooth finish is framed by well defined tannins that provide for a well-structured and pleasing finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

From Heart of the Hill Vineyard located in the heart of Red Mountain; it is one of the smallest appellations in Washington State at just 4.04 acres. Our 2019 Mourvèdre came off the vines a bit earlier than usual as a means to preserve its full flavor and expressive characteristics. We love how large these berries are, and how much they bring the vineyard terroir right to us. We have always enjoyed what the Mourvèdre from this particular vineyard imparts to us, and this vintage held true. We hope you are able to enjoy this beautiful wine on a moonlit evening.

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 began with favorable, steady temperatures that suggested harvest would begin earlier than the prior year. However, as we were preparing to begin picking fruit in August temperatures around the state suddenly dropped, causing most of our fruit ripening to slow and bestowing advantageous added hangtime and acidity. We finished harvesting fruit just before an early freeze throughout Walla Walla Valley in October. Given our preference for fresh, vibrant winemaking, this vintage's exceptional, gradual entrance allowed varietals across the state to truly blossom.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 100% Mourvèdre Vineyards: Heart of the HIII

AVA: Red Mountain

Coopering: 16 months in 100% neutral French oak

pH: 3.78 | TA: 5.7 g/L | Alcohol: 13.4%

Bottled: March 2021 Production: 227 cases UPC Code: 746175650700

