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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.

2018 MOURVEDRE

Heart of the Hill Vineyard, Red Mountain

Our Mourvedre starts with a dark purple hue with rich and concentrated notes of blackberries and blueberries emanating from the glass. The dense texture of this wine reveals enticing flavors of black cherry pie, pomegranate, and tobacco. An expressive mouth feel with bright red fruits featuring fresh strawberries, along with black pepper, pie crust and roasted red peppers. The finish is lengthy with grippy tannins and an unexpected, long-lasting acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

Heart of the Hill Vineyard is located quite literally in the heart of Red Mountain, is one of the smallest appellations in Washington State at only 4,040 acres (1,630 ha planted). The area has a desert climate with an average yearly rainfall of only five inches. We have been sourcing Mourvedre from this particular vineyard since 2012 and appreciate the accurate expression of this varietal that is produced year after year.

The summer of 2018 was one of the hottest years on record throughout the eastern side of Washington. We experienced several weeks of 95-degree and higher temperatures; at long last, a cooling trend arrived in August. The stretch of hot weather allowed an extended hang-time, resulting in appealing, complex flavor. The Mourvedre from Heart of the Hill Vineyard really adapted well this year. We were able to let it hang on the vines longer than normal, allowing the grapes to build added complexity which flows through in the bottled wine.



TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION: 100% Mourvedre
VINEYARD: Heart of the Hill Vineyard
AVA: Red Mountain
COOPERING: 100% Neutral French Oak for 16 months
PH: 3.80 | TA: 5.4g/L | ALCOHOL: 14.1%
HARVESTED: March 2020
PRODUCTION: 224 cases
RETAIL: \$45
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