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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.

# 2020 MOURVÈDRE

## Heart of the Hill Vineyard, Red Mountain

Veiled aromatics show hints of game and spice (like buffalo carpaccio seared with cumin and cayenne). The medium-body holds flavors of semi-sweet chocolate chips and a significant number of exotic spices, gently revealing themselves. Tobacco, strawberry flambé and a touch of French vanilla lead the way to a satisfying, medium-length finish with moderately chewy tannins.

#### 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 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

The 2020 vintage started as most years do and harvest was anticipated to be a bit earlier than the previous year. Around July we saw temperatures begin to change, which caused ripening process to slow and result in later picking dates, and we ended up harvesting just a few days apart on most varietals from the previous year. We did experience smoke through the season, but with precautions taken at the winery (bucket ferments) were able to avoid its impact entirely.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

Composition: 100% Mourvèdre Vineyards: Heart of the HIII AVA: Red Mountain Coopering: 16 months in 100% neutral French oak pH: 3.89 | TA: 5.0 g/L | Alcohol: 14.6% Bottled: March 2022 Production: 144 cases UPC Code: 746175650700

