## GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

## Horse Heaven Hills / Cabernet Sauvignon

Two Thousand and Seventeen



WINEMAKER: JUSTIN NEUFELD

PRODUCTION: 313

AGING: 16 MONTHS IN 39% NEW FRENCH OAK ALCOHOL– 14.5% L TA – 5.9 G/L L PH – 3.78

BOTTLING: MARCH 2019 RELEASED: JUNE 2021

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine features complex aromatics of dark blueberry and a soft palate, its bold character will leave you wanting more. This vintage is blended with 15% Malbec to enhance body and color without interrupting the varietal character of the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

**VINIFICATION:** The fruit was harvested on October 27th. It was destemmed and lightly crushed, into 1-ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 50% whole berries. The must had a pre-fermentation maceration of about 48 hours at 50oF. During fermentation, extraction was achieved via hand punch downs and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily. The wine fermented dry on the skins and was immediately pressed and transferred to barrel. It was bottled on March 7th, 2019

**ELEVAGE:** The wine was aged in 39% new French oak and 61% neutral French oak for 16 months.

