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## 2020 MERLOT

HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD, RED MOUNTAIN

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot, Heart of the Hill Vineyard, Red Mountain

### VINEYARD

Red Mountain is the smallest appellation in Washington State and one of the warmest with broad, southwest facing slopes near Yakima River. Lacking in rainfall and soil nutrients, you would think this were an inhospitable area to grow anything. But grapes love this place and so do we. Situated in the very middle of the AVA, Heart of the Hill Vineyard has quickly developed a reputation as a power player on Red Mountain. The fruit from Heart of the Hill produces deep, brooding and assertive wines. The Merlot planted here in 2009 by the Williams family has shown that it's got star quality.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage presented a mild and uneventful winter. Spring was very wet and stormy which lead to increased soil moisture that in turn increased canopy growth. Summer temperatures were hot and dry which lead to consistent ripening. The temperatures started to wane in the beginning of September which allowed us to pick at optimal ripeness.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2020 Heart of the Hill Merlot is rich and powerful with black fruit, cedar and spice aromatics. Dense, dark fruit flavors emerge on the palate with hints of worn leather. This mouthfilling and commanding wine has intense flavors and bold tannins which truly make for an age-worthy Merlot.

### SPECIFICATIONS

AGING:	15 months in 89% new French oak
pH:	3.75
TA:	5.4g/L
ALCOHOL:	13.9 %
BOTTLING DATE:	January 27, 2022
PRODUCTION:	109 Cases

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