

GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Horse Heaven Hills / Reserve No. 2 Two Thousand and Thirteen



VINEYARDS: 67% RIVER RIDGE VINEYARD & 33% ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

ASSEMBLAGE: 67% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 33% CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKER: JUSTIN NEUFELD

PRODUCTION: 145 CASES

AGING: 32 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL– 14.9% | **TA** – 6.1 g/L | **pH** – 3.65

BOTTLING: JULY 26, 2016

RELEASED: SPRING 2018

TASTING NOTES: Black currant, cedar, and violet dominate the nose as the wine has time to breathe in the glass. Its accompanied by fennel, crushed rock, and black pepper. The full and supple palate has excellent volume without being excessively heavy. The finish shows complexity and length as a subtle acidity comes thru.

VINIFICATION: Fruit for this blend was destemmed, but not crushed, into 1-ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 75% whole berries. The must had an average pre-fermentation maceration of about 72 hours at 9°C. 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.

ELEVAGE: The wines were aged in 100% new French oak for 32 months and an additional 15 months bottle aging prior to release. The wine was bottled on July 26th, 2016. **BLENDING:** This wine is our attempt to create the best wine we can from our cellar. We took our top lots and went thru rigorous blending trials to arrive at this particular composition. The Cabernet created the foundation for the blend contributing a wonderful tannic spine throughout the palate and complex aromatics. The Cabernet Franc helped to soften the palate and provide some herbaceous undertones on the nose.

BACK LABEL: To reserve is to set apart from others, or hold over to a future time or place. This wine asks you to do just this. Hand-selected lots and extended barrel aging have created a round, dense palate full of fruit. This blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Cabernet Franc sets the tone for a special occasion, even if it's just Tuesday night.

94 points Wine Advocate

A terrific wine that just screams Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2013 Reserve No. 2 gives up tons of cassis, black currants, tobacco leaf and hints of chocolate. Full-bodied, ripe, supple and gorgeously polished, it's a killer wine to drink over the coming decade or more. The blend is 67% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Cabernet Franc, and it's easily the greatest wine I've tasted from this estate. Bravo!

-Jeb Dunnuck