2015 ODE TO BROTHERS
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS
Reserve

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A beautifully balanced blend of three classic Rhone Varietals – Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre – allows the character of each to show its contribution to the blend. The Grenache brings nice ripe currant and raspberries and keeps the mouthfeel bright and lithe. The Syrah brings volume and complex aromas of smoke and cured meat. Mourvedre supplies white pepper and minerality. The contribution of each of these varieties has created a balanced, elegant wine that can be enjoyed for many years to come. Aromas of ripe blueberry, punctuated by cracked pepper and coffee and notes of high tone red fruits, lead into a lush mouth with powdery tannins.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Spice Cabinet Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills.

GROWING SEASON

2015 was the hottest year on record and began with a moderate winter that lead into a warm spring and very hot summer. The warm spring resulted in an early bloom, which caused veraison to occur 2-3 weeks earlier than normal, and began harvest 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The heatwave finally tapered off at the end of August, giving us warm days and cool nights which created the perfect conditions for great fruit flavor development. The cool nights maintained the bright natural acidity in the grapes, resulting in balanced wines with concentrated fruit.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested with our 'Selective Harvest' attachment allowing the fruit to be sorted in the vineyard. We bypassed the destemmer at the winery to maintain as much whole berry as possible. The grapes were sorted a second time at the winery on our sorting table and then fermented in small, open top fermentors. After draining the wine and pressing, the wine was racked to a blend of new and old French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in barrel for 22 months before being blended together.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation ....Horse Heaven Hills
Blend ....36% Syrah, 35% Mourvedre, 29% Grenache
Alcohol 14.4%
T.A. ....0.49 g/100 ml
pH 3.87

SENSORY INDICATOR

- Currant
- Raspberries
- Smoked Meat
- Cracked Pepper