

Helix

2018 cabernet sauvignon

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

92 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

Aromas of woody spice and ripe red fruit. Full-bodied with silky tannins. Good intensity and depth. Gentle finish. I like the earthy and spicy complexity. 90% cabernet sauvignon and 10% merlot. Drink now. Screw cap.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blackberry pie, black currant and sweet tobacco greet the nose with hints of oak and eucalyptus. Silky in mouthfeel and medium-plus in body, its fine-grained tannins carry flavors of black currant and blackberry to a complex mid-palate of meat, herbs and a dash of pencil shavings. A splash of new oak lengthens the palate and helps exude that varietal character Pinny Hill Cabernet is known for.

THE 2018 VINTAGE

The big dark fruit that is the backbone of this wine is developed from the staggering heat units Pinny Hill Vineyard received throughout the 2018 growing season, while at night this well-drained vineyard drops in temperatures to preserve a lively acidity.

THE VINEYARDS

The 2018 vintage is primarily sourced from Pinny Hill Vineyard, one of the most picturesque spots in the Horse Heaven Hills. Helix was one of the first wineries to source fruit from Pinny Hill.

This 100-acre vineyard sits atop a sun-drenched hill of rare cobble-filled soils left over from the Missoula Floods during the last Ice Age. The rocky soils and eastern-facing slopes provide great soil and air drainage for the vines, especially the predominantly planted Bordeaux grape varieties. The vines are east-facing, and receive plenty of heat and good hangtime.

THE AVA

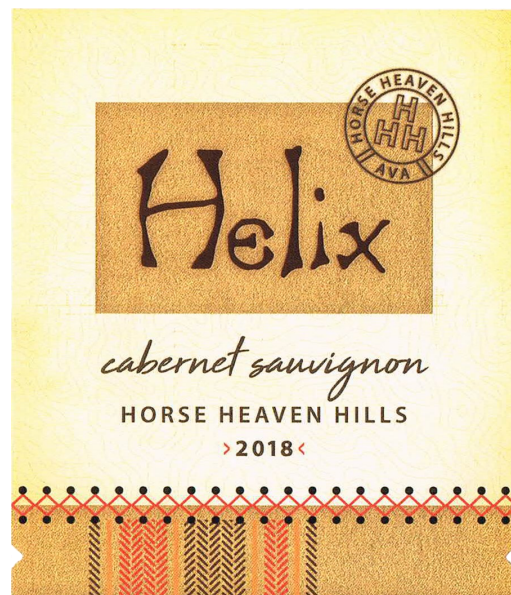
Located in south-central Washington State, the Horse Heaven Hills AVA is known for its warm site vineyards that are cooled by up-river winds, lending tannic complexity to full flavored wines of all varieties. Established in 2005, this AVA comprises approximately 17,000 acres that lie along the Columbia River and makes up about 25% of Washington's total grape production.

THE COOPERAGE

60% French, 40% American (10% new oak) Our Cabernet features less new oak than most to achieve a more complex, sophisticated wine with elegant fruit and tannin structure that let the vineyard shine through.

HELIX WINES

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.



WINE DATA

Composition 90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot

Vineyards Pinny Hill & Bacchus

Cooperage 60% French, 40% American
(10% new oak)

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.83

Total Acidity 6.4 g/L

Bottling Date July 2020

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Case 247

Production

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