



2020 MERLOT

Chocolate, figs and dark cherries and vanilla jump out of the glass. Well balanced and rounded on the palate, the red fruit journey continues with added baking spices and a subtle orange peel note.

VINTAGE

It started out not unusually with slightly delayed bud break due to a cool spring, followed by a mild and wet June leading to exponential growth in the vineyard and a lush canopy. Temperatures and rainfall evened out to averages in July and we were seeing great fruit development. Harvest arrived on time and started with those beautiful golden clusters of Chardonnay on September 28, 2020. Our Winemaker, Gabriel & Winemaking Consultant, Alain both described the vintage as fantastic due to the smaller berry size and particularly low yields leading to ripe, beautifully balanced wines. With bright acidity and ripe fruit, the 2020 vintage will cellar beautifully for years to come.

WINEMAKING

Harvest of our four estate vineyard blocks of Merlot began on October 14, 2020. Blocks were harvested individually, broken into small batches, cold soaked on the skins for 4 days and fermented for an additional 21 days on the skins in tank with twice daily pump overs. The resulting individual wines were aged for 18 months in 30% new French oak and blended prior to being bottled, unfiltered.

BLEND 100% MERLOT

FORMATS 750 ML

ALC % VOLUME 14.9%

PH 3.61 **TA G/L** 6.3 **RS G/L** 1.9

CSPC + 512319

2019 Merlot - Gold Medal, WineAlign NWAC 2022

2019 Merlot - 93 Points, John Schreiner

2019 Merlot - 93 Points, Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver Sun

2018 Merlot - 92 Points, Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver Sun

2018 Merlot - 92 Points, Christopher Waters, The Globe & Mail

2017 Merlot - Top 10 Merlot's in Canada - WineAlign's Guide to Canada's Best Wines

2016 - 92 Points, David Lawrason, WineAlign

2015 - Gold Medal, WineAlign NWAC 2019



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