



2021 MERLOT

A rich bouquet of figs, dark cherries, and plums with hints of cocoa and mocha. The velvety texture and well-integrated tannins lead to a balanced palate, finishing with a subtle touch of cedar.

VINTAGE

It was a hot summer that was punctuated by a heat dome which settled on the Okanagan Valley from the end of June through early July. The combination of high heat and low rainfall contributed to another year of lower than anticipated yield but excellent quality fruit. Despite the heat during the days, we benefited from our usual cooler evening temperatures which kept the acidity bright and the resulting wines incredibly balanced.

WINEMAKING

Harvest of our four estate vineyard blocks of Merlot began on October 12, 2021. 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 15.1%

PH 3.86 **TA G/L** 6.2 **RS G/L** 2.2

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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