



AMERICAN RED WINE

Vintage: 2021
Vineyard: Clement Hills AVA
Location: Lodi, CA

PROFILE

Merlot is the second most widely grown grape in the world behind only Cabernet Sauvignon, which it often competes with in reputation. Although slightly more sensitive to disease pressure than Cabernet Sauvignon, it tends to ripen earlier in the growing season. This grape can be grown in both warm and cool climates offering a variety of wine profiles

Cooler climate grown Merlot lends to a more full-bodied wine with earthier notes and higher tannins. Warmer climate grown Merlot lends to a lighter and fruitier wine. These wines often benefit from extended oak aging

DETAILS

Bottling Date: 09/07/2022
Case Production: 95

ABV: 13.0
Residual Sugar: 0.6 %
Final TA: 8.0 g/L
pH: 3.48
Free SO₂: 35 ppm

Merlot

Available in 750 mL bottles

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION

13 days

2.5 tons of Merlot grapes were imported in the Fall of 2021. Upon arrival, clusters were destemmed and crushed before entering maceration tubs where they cold-soaked for 28 hours prior to fermentation. This process helps to achieve greater extraction of color and flavor from the grape skins. Yeast for this fermentation was selected to enhance ripe fruit characteristics and highlight high tannin volume. Fermentation was completed in roughly two weeks, after which grapes were then transferred to a press. Juice was racked off into a stainless steel tank and skins were removed

AGING

10 months

This wine was aged on American oak chips with a medium char toast for ten months to help provide greater depth and body before conditioning in the bottle for an additional year

TASTING NOTES

Aroma

Hints of dried herbs and incense are balanced by sweeter floral scents

Taste

Sweet-tannins are accentuated by juicy notes of black raspberry and cherry followed by a distinct note of cocoa on the finish

Serving & Pairing Suggestions

Best served at room temperature. For food pairings – this Merlot is a great compliment to any cut of meat served with chimichurri

TASTING CHART

