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2019

MERLOT

Sonoma County

VINEYARDS

Sonoma County has a long history of producing lush and structured Merlot. Our 2019 Merlot was made from fruit from our own Cherryblock and Mission Vineyards in Sonoma Valley.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started later than usual in many California wine regions. A wet spring followed by cool temperatures allowed the grapes to mature gradually. Cool temperatures continued throughout the growing season resulting in longer hang time and lower sugar yields. Vintners are praising the full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance of the 2019 vintage.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed and destemmed to a stainless steel tank for a two-day cold soak, then fermented to dryness at relatively warm temperatures. After pressing the wine off the skins, it was racked to a mixture of barrels and stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation. The wine aged for 18 months in 25% new French oak barrels, with the remaining in neutral French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2019 Sonoma County Merlot opens with intriguing aromas of forest floor, rosemary and carob layered with plenty of red fruit. The palate offers red berries, currant and cinnamon with silky tannins and a cocoa finish.

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
COOPERAGE	Aged 18 months in French oak, 25% new
ALCOHOL	15.0%
TA	4.50 g/L
pH	3.71
BOTTLING DATE	August 2021

