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2020

MERLOT

Sonoma County

VINEYARDS

Sonoma County has a long history of producing lush and structured Merlot. Our 2020 Merlot was made from fruit from our own Cherryblock and Mission Vineyards in Sonoma Valley.

VINTAGE

The 2020 season started off with immense potential with mild spring weather which led to bud break occurring about two weeks earlier than average. Fruit set was balanced to light in most varieties promising good concentration within the fruit. A warm to hot summer kept grapes ripening right up to harvest where careful selection of picks and gentle processing were key for success.

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 2020 Sonoma County Merlot opens with intriguing aromas of vanilla, Santa Rosa plum, baked cobbler, and toasted oak. The palate is rich and juicy with toasted barrel spice notes. Soft tannins carry this wine through a lingering finish.

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
COOPERAGE	Aged 18 months in French oak, 25% new
ALCOHOL	14.9%
TA	5.47 g/L
pH	3.60
BOTTLING DATE	August 2022

