



## 2019 MERLOT

Chocolate, ripe plums, figs, and vanilla jump out of the glass. Red fruit continues onto the palate with added baking spices and a subtle eucalyptus note along with vibrant acidity and integrated tannins.

### VINTAGE

Overall, the 2019 vintage had challenges, but we are exceptionally proud with how our site and team handled them. The season started off cool with more than average rainfall. Our team effectively cropped and maintained the vineyard to ensure high quality fruit and ripeness. While this in turn led us to having the lowest crop yield since 2012, it was well worth it. Our site conditions made it so that we did not experience the early October frosts and were able to continue to hang fruit until late October. Overall, Alain says that this will be a spectacular cool climate vintage from Painted Rock.

### WINEMAKING

Harvest of our four estate vineyard blocks of Merlot, planted with clones 181 and 347 began on Oct. 10, 2019. 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** 14.8%

**PH** 3.59    **TA G/L** 6.5    **RS G/L** 3.0

**CSPC +** 512319

**2018 – 92 Points**, Christopher Waters, The Globe & Mail

**2018 – 92 Points**, Anthony Gismondi,  
The Vancouver Sun

**2017 – Top 10 Merlot**, WineAlign Guide  
to Canada's Best Wines

**2015 – Gold Medal**, WineAlign NWAC 2019

**2015 – 94 Points**, John Schreiner,  
author of Icon: Flagship Wines from BC's Best Wineries

**2014 – Silver Medal**, InterVin International  
Wine Awards 2018/2019

**2013 – Silver Medal**, WineAlign NWAC 2018



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