

2018

Becker Merlot Cabernet Franc Co-ferment

SMALL LOT

60% MERLOT / 40% CABERNET FRANC

Our Small Lot series is dedicated to limited production wines that we could not help but bottle on their own. The 2018 Merlot was co-fermented with Cabernet Franc from our Becker Estate vineyard, to create this intriguing wine with lots of finesse. Aromas of ripe plums and sage are expressive and reminiscent of the Okanagan Valley. On the palate, plush black fruits and jam give this wine its juicy character, while the dusty earth and sage brush round out the notes along with a fine tannin structure.

The Vintage

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique



VINTAGE
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HARVEST DATE
October 4

MATURATION
21 months in French
oak, 33% new

BOTTLING DATE
October 2020

AGEING POTENTIAL
8-10 years

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.3 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY
5.3 g/L

pH
3.6