



2020 Merlot

BECKER VINEYARD

100% MERLOT

On the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench, Becker Vineyard produces richly concentrated Merlot across five distinct blocks, including pioneering plantings that date to 1993. The exceptional 2020 vintage provided an exquisite balance of ripeness and vibrancy of fruit, with succulent dark plums and macerated cherries that are accented by cola spices, mocha, and desert shrubs that mirror the unique flora of the South Okanagan. The palate is polished and suave, benefitting from 21 months in French oak barriques, with the density and structure to continue to improve in bottle over the next 3-5 years.

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ESTABLISHED

1993

ACRES

52.4

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION

325-380m

Vintage

The 2020 growing season began with higher than average rainfall and mild temperatures throughout the spring. Hot and dry conditions, typical of the South Okanagan climate prevailed from late Spring until harvest. This resulted in smaller berry size which contributed ripe, concentrated fruit flavors and elevated tannin.

VINTAGE

2020

HARVEST DATE

October 15-19

MATURATION

21 months, 22% New
FrenchOak

BOTTLING DATE

September 2022

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.08 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.7 g/L

pH

3.87