

2016

Merlot

BECKER VINEYARD

100% MERLOT

Merlot thrives at Becker Vineyard's higher elevation on the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench. The 2016 Becker Vineyard Merlot was handpicked over six days from October 14 to 19 to ensure all blocks were harvested at optimal ripeness. The result is a full-bodied wine that combines freshness with generous, ripe fruit.

Becker Vineyard

First planted in 1977 as part of the pioneering Becker Project, Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench.

ESTABLISHED

1993

ACRES

52.4

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION

325-380m

Merlot

2016 had a long, gradual growing season with an exceptionally warm spring resulting in the earliest budbreak on record. However, moderate temperatures into the summer allowed us to retain acidity while achieving optimal ripeness.

VINTAGE

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HARVEST DATE

October 14-19

MATURATION

18 months in French oak

BOTTLING DATE

June 25, 2018

PRODUCTION

7 barrels

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.33 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.93 g/L

pH

3.87

