



2021

SMALL LOT MERLOT

LILLOOET BC VQA

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Vineyard: Dry Creek Vineyard & Red Rock Vineyard, Lillooet BC

Our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered benchland along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

In June 2021, we recorded the highest temperature (48°C) ever. After the heat wave, the weather cooled down with more than average rain throughout the growing season. Our reds enjoyed nice long hanging time, which helped produce rich and bold flavours. Harvest yields were above average. Our more recently planted Red Rock Vineyard helped grow our grape production and moved us closer to our goal to become 100% Lillooet VQA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Merlot

The small lot series showcases estate grown, handcrafted batches of unique and distinct wines. It's an opportunity for our winemaker, Alex Nel to experiment with our terroir.

This wine is made with 100% estate fruit from both our 15-year-old Dry Creek vineyard as well as our young Red Rock Vineyard. The grapes were hand-harvested and sorted and, after crushing and destemming, left to cold soak for 2 days. During fermentation, pump-overs were done every 4 hours, followed by a post maceration for 3 days to extract maximum colour and the fine tannins. The wine was then aged in neutral oak barrels for 15 months.

TASTING NOTES

Expressive and complex, this Merlot features notes of plums, red cherries, and strawberries. It is medium-bodied with great structure and a velvety mouthfeel. The finish is long and offers hints of liquorice. Pair this fruit-forward Merlot with barbeque beef roast, slow-roasted pork loin, and caramelized roasted vegetables. Savour this Merlot now or cellar it through 2027.



TECH SPECS

Alc.: 14.4%
pH: 3.68
TA: 6.4 g/l
RS: 3.6 g/L
Vegan: Yes
Production: 343 cases (14 barrels)

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct
SKU: 008128
UPC: 626990110064
Winery retail price: \$32.99 ex tax



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