Wine Technical Notes

2020 Estate Merlot



Varieties: 100% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles - Templeton Gap District

Average brix at harvest: 24.9

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 13.9%

Acidity: 0.69g/100ml

PH: 3.48

Residual sugar: 0.02 g/100ml

Date bottled: September 02, 2022

Cases produced: 98

Growing conditions: Minimal winter rainfall until a wet March averted an extreme drought. No frost events but windy conditions during bloom led to a smaller fruit set. The lighter crop coupled with a long warm summer led to an outstanding earlier, small harvest with excellent quality.

Winemaking: The grapes were hand harvested, then crushed into a stainless fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with D80 yeast then pumped over twice daily for 14 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this merlot was aged for 20 months in French and Hungarian oak prior to bottling.

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