

# **MERLOT**

2018



## Tech Specs

Cases:

Alc: 14.2%
TA: 6.18
pH: 3.63
R/S: <1g/L
Vegan: Yes
SKU: 665190

795

#### Vineyard + Soil

• Corcelettes Estate Vineyard, Upper Bench, Keremeos
"Stemwinder"- alluvial deposit & "Similkameen" gravelly sandy loam.
Gnarly and extremely coarse soils eroded from steep mountain walls.
Situated on the higher, south facing regions of the valley providing an
extended growing season. Dry, windswept, and extreme daytime heats.
Exposed rock faces 'sink' and radiate heat well into the night. Vineyard rows
are North/South orientation, VSP trellis system.

### **Growing + Crafting**

- Meticulous, conditional but always sustainable viticulture and winemaking practices
- Cover crops, in-row mulching, leaf removal and general canopy management combined with a well implemented integrated pest management program and our dry and windy region, yields an ideal growing environment also resilient to disease and pests
- Weather stations, soil moisture probes and a semi-automatic irrigation system allow us to micromanage water needs and as a result, water use
- Our estate vineyard is planted in 5 separate blocks consisting of two different clones (181 and 184). These own rooted, 15-year-old vines naturally drive complexity and depth through various vineyard management techniques, harvest dates and processing methods
- · Various small lot harvests throughout September & October
- Multiple small lot ferments
- •18 months in 90% French oak (both standard barrels and 1000l vats), 10% American.
- Unfined + Unfiltered

## Tasting + Pairing

Nose: Black forest cake, baking spice

Palate: Stewed black + blue fruits, fig, sweet tobacco

Finish: Lively, rich + long

Overall: A fresh and full palate, gorgeous tannins, this wine is a

lovely and purist expression of Similkameen terroir that

finishes with chalky minerality.

Try with: Spaghetti, beef pot roast, sharp cheddar cheese

Cellar: 3-10 years



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