



2019 Gordon Estate Merlot

Composition: 81% Merlot, 8% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Syrah.

Appellation: Columbia Valley, WA

Harvest Date: Oct 7, to Nov 5, 2019 - Brix at harvest ranged from 24.9 to 26.0 Brix

Harvest Notes: The fruit for our Gordon Estate Merlot was harvested from our estate vineyard situated along the Snake River in Pasco, WA. The fruit was received and crushed to stainless steel fermenters the same day as harvest. Fermentation was initiated after 24 hours using specialized yeast. The fermentation lasted about 2 weeks with gentle pump overs occurring twice daily for optimal extraction. The wine was then drained and pressed to another tank and allowed to settle before racking to new and neutral French and American oak barrels.

Aging: Barrel aging lasted 32 months.

Tasting Notes: Our 2019 Gordon Estate Merlot has a dark Bing cherry hue. Aromas of baked cherries, raisins, mocha, vanilla and jasmine fill the nose. The palate is smooth with soft tannins and bright acidity that highlights a finish of red forest fruits.

Bottling Analysis:

Alcohol by volume:	13.9 %
pH at bottling:	3.81 g/l
Titrateable acidity:	5.3 g/l

Bottled: July 5, 2022 - 1,448 cases