



MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2019 ESTATE MERLOT

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT
PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

A most distinguished addition to a long line of our Estate Merlot dating back to 1999. Always 100% estate grown, the extraction is amazing and the resulting color is nothing short of magical. The nose screams "I'm here, Y'all!" with plummy, earthy opulence emanating from the glass. The finish lingers and leaves the taster craving another sip! Serve with rare ribeye or other fatty fare. Drink now through 2030.

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| ACCOLADE | 90 Wine Enthusiast |
| WINEMAKER | Rich Hartenberger |
| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% Merlot |
| COOPERAGE | 84% neutral French oak 16% new French oak |
| AGING | 27 months |
| pH/TA | 3.38 / 4.2g/L |
| RESIDUAL SUGAR | 0.6 g/L |
| ABV | 15.2% |
| PRODUCTION | 295 cases |

VINTAGE NOTES

One of the rare vintages where the weather cooperated and we were able to harvest all of the fruit when we wanted to instead of being pressured by impending adverse weather. Tremendous wine quality across all of the wines with very few problematic fermentations. Chemistry (pH, TA, sugars) were consistently in the proper ranges and the resulting wines are very ageable with excellent tannin structure.

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