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# 2019 Ciel du Cheval Merlot

As Charlie, a well known Merlot advocate, explains "this is what Merlot can be." This wine really has it all: structure, complexity, bright acidity, and tons of interesting fruit components. It's not a Merlot that drinks like a Cab, it's a Merlot that drinks like a really delicious and intense Red Mountain Merlot! On the aroma we get dark chocolate, dried tea leaves, and cherry. The palate is rich and full with nice dusty tannins and loads of dark red fruit. As with the other Ciel du Cheval wines from this vintage it's an amazing and versatile food pairing wine. It's definitely enjoyable in its youth with a good decanting or can be aged in the cellar for 15+ years.

#### **BLEND**

100% Merlot

### **VINEYARDS**

100% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard

# **AGING**

22 months

50% New French Oak

## **WOOD FERMENTATION**

25% 500L Roller Barrels

# **ALCOHOL**

14.5%

#### **PRODUCTION**

196 cases



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