

2019 Fidélitas Estate Merlot

This is the first of what will become a long line of 100% varietal Merlots out of our Fidélitas Estate. Planted at the very Western end of the vineyard, this block receives plenty of sun and is consistently the first block to ripen. This wine has that classic *Red Mountain Merlot* fruit-forward cherry and wild berry aroma jumping out of the glass. Receiving lots of heat, wind, and water stress it's concentrated on the palate but not too dry, exhibiting more of a silky or plush tannin structure. The flavors are bright and right up front — red plum, pomegranate, and vanilla bean with mouth watering acidity. Pair this wine with all sorts of BBQ dishes, both meat and vegetarian although it's a joy to drink on its own. Drink now with a good 30+ minute decant or through 2035.

BLEND

100% Merlot

VINEYARDS

100% Fidélitas Estate Vineyard

AGING

22 months

66% New French Oak, 34% New American Oak

WOOD FERMENTATION

66% 30hL Oak Tank

ALCOHOL

14.0%

PRODUCTION

147 cases



faithful, loyal, true