

Merlot 2023



WINEMAKER NOTES

Merlot (mr-low) is a red wine grape originating from the Bordeaux region in France. It grows well in a number of wine producing regions and is very popular in blends and as a standalone single varietal. Merlots can have similar aromas and flavors of Cabernet Sauvignon but tend to have softer, more chalky tannins and lighter bodies.

Texas Merlots lean more towards a fruity, even jammy, flavor profile; bursting with dark and red berry flavors and light on tannins.

TASTING NOTES

This Merlot has a vibrant ruby hue with lasting legs that cling to the glass. Aromas of cherry and blackberry mingle with hints of dark plum, vanilla, and slate. The flavor is overwhelmingly black cherry with notes of red currant, vanilla, and pomegranate. The finish lingers with a touch of tea leaf, cocoa, and espresso.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietals & Vineyards:

60% Merlot from Bingham Family Vineyards, Meadow TX
32% Merlot from Diamante Doble Vineyard, Tokio TX
8% Cabernet Sauvignon, blend of multiple vineyards from Texas High Plains

Harvest Date:

August, 2023

Aging:

26 months in oak

Bottled October 21, 2025

Food Pairing:

Caramelized shallot and spinach dip, portobello mushroom risotto, white cheddar mac and cheese topped with chopped brisket, herb and garlic roasted quail with maple glazed carrots, fig and prosciutto flatbread pizza, classic shepherds pie, or coffee glazed chocolate scones.

