



2021
 MERLOT BOSCHÉ
Rutherford

WINEMAKER- *Kristy Melton*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Merlot Bosché is a very intense, inky, brooding take on the variety. The nose is rich and complex, accented by notes of blackberry, graphite, black olive and peppercorns. The palate is rich and round with notes of brambleberry, dark chocolate, baking spices and vanilla. The textures are full and lush with well structured tannins, indicating it is wonderful for drinking now and will age gracefully in the cellar for years.

GROWING SEASON NOTES

Vintage 2021 is a story of small but mighty. Drought conditions were prevalent in winter and spring. Temperatures were moderate during spring but began to warm significantly during summer. Flowering led to lighter than usual fruit set with low vine vigor. Warm conditions during ripening led to beautiful fruit flavors and intense color. Harvest started in mid-August with Sauvignon Blanc and carried on at a steady pace through September and October with red varieties. While low in volume, the wines are aromatic, lively and well structured and we can't wait to share them with you.

WINE STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	91% Merlot; 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATES	Harvest started on 8/30 and ended on 9/15/2019 for all components.
BARREL AGING	19 months in French oak, 41% new
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PH	3.46
BOTTLING DATE	July 21, 2023

VINEYARD	Bosché	Bosché
APELLATION	Rutherford	Rutherford
ELEVATION	180'	180'
SOIL	Bale Clay Loam	Bale Clay Loam
VARIETY	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	91%	9%