



2022
 MERLOT BOSCHÉ
Rutherford

WINEMAKER- *Kristy Melton*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We think the Bosché vineyard is one of the most magical places to grow Merlot. It ripens evenly and early, giving us a great combination of fruit and savory elements. The nose displays aromas of black raspberry, plum, aromatic cedar, leather and baking spices. The palate is creamy, silky, and refined with notes of black cherry, cocoa powder, dried herbs, graphite and oak spice. The finish is long with integrated tannins that drink well now and hold up exceptionally well in the cellar.

GROWING SEASON NOTES

Vintage 2022 is called by many of us winemakers the "tale of two harvests." While still under drought conditions, we had a moderate summer with very agreeable temperatures for most of the year. We started picking white grapes on August 13, but then a triple digit heat wave hit in September that lasted well over a week. Harvest went into high gear as we began picking many reds that were suddenly ripe. That was followed by some rainstorms that cooled everything back down and what was left on the vine ripened at a little slower pace to close out our last day of harvest on October 14. The resulting wines are vibrant and fresh with expressive fruit characters and elegant balance.

WINE STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	83% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATES	Harvest started on 8/31 and ended on 9/16/2022 for all components.
BARREL AGING	20 months in French oak, 43% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.52
BOTTLING DATE	July 24, 2024

VINEYARD	Bosché	Bosché
APPELLATION	Rutherford	Rutherford
ELEVATION	180'	180'
SOIL	Bale Clay Loam	Bale Clay Loam
VARIETY	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	83%	17%