

QUAILS' GATE

Okanagan Valley



2020 MERLOT

STORY

Merlot is the most planted red varietal in the Okanagan and typically produces smooth, full-bodied wines with red- and black-fruit flavours. The Merlot grapes for this wine come from our West Kelowna estate.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested and sorted before being gently destemmed to stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Each block was left in contact with the skins for two to three weeks with twice-daily remontage, or “pump-overs”, to extract rich colour, tannin and flavour. Following fermentation, the wine was drained from the skins and aged in French oak for 18 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 vintage opens with aromas of fresh berries - raspberry, blueberry, blackberry - with notes of cocoa and tobacco. A smooth entry on the palate with a rich and silky mouthfeel abundant in opulent tannins leads to a long, structured finish with flavours of dark fruit and black pepper.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

This smooth, rich wine pairs well with braised short ribs, meatloaf, Italian-style sausages, lasagna, bison burgers and an array of aged local hard cheeses. Decant for an hour or so before drinking and serve in Bordeaux-style stemware for best enjoyment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alc. by volume: 14%

Total acidity: 6.2 g/l

Residual sugar: 0.3 g/l

pH: 3.48

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Date bottled: April 2022

CELLARING NOTES: Drink now through 2030.