

OF OAK FARM *Vineyards*



2017 Merlot

Estate Vineyard | Lodi, California

Awards

90 Points - Gold from the 2019 Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition

Tasting Notes

This Merlot has notes of dark cherry, dark chocolate, and vanilla spice. It has a big mouth-feel that balances ripe red fruit, round tannins, and all spice. All these layers lead to full bodied, elegant, and complex wine.

Vineyards Notes

Estate Vineyard to the west of our tasting room and production facility. Bilateral cordon trained into vertical shoot position (VSP). Clone 3 on 5BB rootstock. Planted in 2014, the vines are young and full of energy. Pruning and shoot thinning were done to keep cluster counts in balance, leaves were pulled on the north side of the vine as the rows oriented east to west. 2017 was the first vintage we harvested fruit from this vineyard. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and certified green under Lodi Rules.

Winemaker Notes

These grapes were shoot thinned, cluster thinned and leaves were pull during the growing season. Grapes were hand-picked and then delivered to Oak Farm Vineyards on September 7th, 2017. Upon receiving the grapes, they were hand sorted at the winery and then de-stemmed to tank where they received a cold soak. The must was inoculated and fermentation was done in tank with regular timed pump overs. This wine was aged in 25% New, Hybrid barrels French & American oak and the rest was aged in neutral oak.

Vintage: 2017

Varietal: Merlot

Appellation: Lodi

Sub AVA: Mokelumne River

Brix at harvest: 26.5

TA: 7.5 g/L

pH: 3.4

Aging: Oak Barrels

Fermentation: Inoculated

Bottling Date: 6/18/19

Alcohol %: 15.48

Residual Sugar %: 0.31

Cases: 503



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