

OF OAK FARM *Vineyards*



2018 Merlot

Estate Vineyard | Lodi, California

Tasting Notes

This medium garnet wine is overflowing with notes of blackberry and blueberry followed by undertones of herbal tea and forest floor. Dark fruit abounds on the palate with dense layers of cracked pepper and ripe fig. The deep intensity and bold tannins make this a wine to enjoy now and savor for years to come.

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. 2018 was the second vintage in which 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 22nd, 2018. 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 33% new oak barrels (both French and American) and the rest was aged in neutral oak.

Vintage: 2018
Varietal: Merlot
Appellation: Lodi
Sub AVA: Mokelumne River
Date Harvested: 9/22/2018
TA: 7.2 g/L
pH: 3.58
Aging: Oak Barrels (33% new oak)
Fermentation: Inoculated
Bottling Date: 6/23/20
Alcohol %: 14.5
Cases: 464



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