

# 2020 Merlot

Estate Vineyard | Lodi, California



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## Tasting Notes

Well-balanced, this Merlot presents aromas of plum, blueberry, blackberry and bay leaf. It's a medium bodied wine with notes of dark chocolate in the finish that lingers for a bit.

## Vineyard Notes

Estate Vineyard to the west of our tasting room and production facility. Bilateral cordon trained into vertical shoot position also known as "VSP". Clone 5 (French 181) 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 pulled during the growing season. Grapes were hand-picked and then delivered to Oak Farm Vineyards on August 24th 2020. 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 50% new French Oak barrels and the rest was aged in neutral oak.

**Vintage:** 2020

**Varietal:** Merlot

**Appellation:** Lodi (Mokelumne River)

**Date Harvested:** 8/24/2020

**Aging:** French Oak Barrels (50% new)

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**pH:** 3.59

**Residual Sugar:** 0.02%

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Bottling Date:** 7/20/2020

**Cases Produced:** 390

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