



2018

Merlot

BECKER VINEYARD

100% MERLOT

First planted in 1977 as part of the pioneering Becker Project, Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench. Merlot thrives at Becker Vineyard's higher elevation on the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench. On the nose, the aromas of cocoa and cassis are wrapped around a slight earthy note with hints of all spice. On the palate, the red cherries are bright and expressive, giving the palate a round, luscious yet balanced experience with a pleasant finish. Drink now or age up to 5-8 years.

ESTABLISHED
1993

ACRES
52.4

SOIL
Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION
325-380m

Harvest

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique conditions experienced during the growing season, nevertheless a promising one.

VINTAGE
2018

HARVEST DATE
October 24

MATURATION
19 months New Oak

BOTTLING DATE
October 2020

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.41 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY
5.4 g/L

pH
3.74