



MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2020 ESTATE MERLOT

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT
PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

Very dark red color and traditional Merlot aromas of rich ripe plum, earth and spice. The mouthfeel is defined by firm tannins and oak. Flavors of black fruit intermingle with herbs, leather, and flinty chalk. The finish is incredibly long and structured tannin leads the way well into the next sip. Will pair well with game and other hearty fare. Drink now through 2030.

ACCOLADES	91 James Suckling
WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
COOPERAGE	75% Neutral French Oak 25% New French Oak
AGING	30 months
pH/TA	3.40/8.2g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.4 g/L
ABV	14.7%
PRODUCTION	92 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

Despite receiving not quite average rainfall this winter, some of the later rains and the cool spring buoyed an early burst of growth on the vines. Even with the record-breaking heat as we entered harvest, our vineyard received little supplemental irrigation throughout the summer as our vine canopies matured and slowed without intervention. Harvest 2020 was a bit of a sprint. Starting a tad earlier and ending in early November, this vintage was one for the books which resulted with wines complex in both composition and flavor

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