

## 2021 ESTATE MERLOT



While Merlot accounts for only 3.75% of our total planted acreage, it has claimed a much larger place in our hearts! This 2021 vintage of our Merlot is a perfect example of why Happy Canyon produces some of the most beautiful and complex Bordeaux varietals in the world.

Upon first sniff, you'll be struck by the wine's lively and complex nose, which features notes of rhubarb, cranberry, and tart cherry, along with a slight trace of clove and allspice. After the first sip, this lovely medium-bodied wine opens up with distinct notes of ripe cherry and red plum. The flavors continue to unfold with each sip, and this wine pulses with energy and vitality. Smooth and elegant, the ripe red fruit notes beautifully balance with the darker undertones of cocoa powder and espresso. With supple tannins and rich, lush layers of fruit, this wine offers a landmark experience. Our 2021 Merlot is a must-try for anyone looking for a sophisticated, yet approachable wine with plenty of complexity and character. It will pair well with most any dinner selection, from a casual pizza to an exquisite filet mignon.

Varietals:	100% Merlot
Harvest Dates:	September 22 & October 6, 2021
Barrel Aging:	45% New, 55% Neutral French Oak
Bottling Date:	October 20, 2023
Production:	125 Cases
ABV:	14.5%

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