## Clos du Soleil Expression 2017

## **Technical Information**

pH: 3.72 Titratable Acidity: 6.2 g/L Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/L Alcohol by Volume: 13.8%

Harvest Dates: October 19th (Cabernet Franc), November 1st (Malbec),

November 3rd (Cabernet Sauvignon), 2017

Bottling Date: June 14th, 2019

Vineyard Sources: La Côte Vineyard (Malbec), Middle Bench Vineyard

(Cabernet Sauvignon), Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (Cabernet Franc), Keremeos, Similkameen Valley

Varieties: 63% Malbec, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon,

10% Cabernet Franc

Total Production: 110 cases

SKU: +252638 (750mL)

## **Tasting Notes**

Expression is a small-lot Malbec-dominant blend from Clos du Soleil that is soft and full of fruit and spice, with a classic and elegant structure. The taster is greeted with aromas of crushed black pepper, ripe black cherries, plums and allspice. On the palate the wine is soft and layered, dominated by fresh ripe fruit flavours of cherries, and blackberries, and refreshing acidity. This wine is soft, approachable, and totally food-friendly, yet retains all of the complexity and depth to truly engage the taster.

## Winemaking Notes

Each variety and each vineyard block was harvested separately, when judged to be at optimal maturity. The fruit was destemmed, lightly crushed, and then fermented in small open-top fermentors with daily manual punchdowns. Following pressing, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for 15 months, with no racking or handling prior to bottling. Unfined, this wine was gently filtered prior to bottling under high-quality cork.

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