

Clos du Soleil

Estate Reserve

Red 2016

Technical Information

pH:	3.49
Titrateable Acidity:	6.41 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.29 g/L
Alcohol by Volume:	13.6%
Harvest Dates:	October 19th (Merlot & Cabernet Franc), October 28th (Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec), 2016
Bottling Date:	June 18th, 2018
Vineyard Sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard, Keremeos, Similkameen Valley, BC
Varieties:	33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec
Total Production:	96 cases
SKU:	+859835 (750mL)

Tasting Notes

Clos du Soleil's Estate Reserve wines form the pinnacle of our portfolio, and are designed to showcase the unique terroir of our Estate Vineyard on the Upper Bench of the Similkameen Valley. The 2016 vintage of our Estate Reserve wine is nuanced, with a classic structure, and a layered complexity. On the nose the wine offers a heady blend of spice, cedar, and ripe black berry fruit: blackberry and blackcurrant, followed by notes of raspberry and forest undergrowth. On the palate the wine is full and complex, with soft but full tannins, and fresh acidity, all riding on waves of blackcurrant, raspberry and blackberry, liquorice and graphite, and a rich, soft mouthfeel. This elegant wine provides loads of pleasure now, but with the structure and density to last for many years.

Winemaking Notes

The growing season during 2016 was ideal: warm, but moderate, allowing for classical structure in our Bordeaux grape varieties, particularly given the organic and biodynamic practices utilized in our Estate vineyard. Each variety was hand-harvested separately at peak maturity, then gently destemmed, crushed, and gravity fed into concrete fermentation tanks. Following a moderate cold soak the wines were fermented using only native wild yeasts to reinforce terroir expression. Each variety was vinified separately, and then matured separately, in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months. Following maturation the barrels were blended and left to integrate in tank for 1 month prior to bottling. The wine is entirely unfinned and unfiltered. As with all Clos du Soleil wines the focus was on minimal handling and minimal intervention, to best showcase the unique terroir.

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