

# Clos du Soleil

## Winemaker's Series

### Merlot 2018

#### Technical Information

pH:	3.65
Titrateable Acidity:	6.4 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.2 g/L
Alcohol by Volume:	14.8%
Harvest Dates:	October 3rd (Estate Merlot), October 12th (Estate Cab Franc) & October 23rd (Whispered Secret Merlot), 2019
Bottling Date:	June 17th, 2020
Vineyard Sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (Keremeos), Whispered Secret Vineyard (Keremeos), Similkameen Valley BC
Varieties:	93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc
Total Production:	94 cases
SKU:	+92120 (750mL)

#### Tasting Notes

This Winemaker's Series Merlot is an enticing deep red in the glass, and the nose offers up gorgeous aromas of black cherry and raspberry, cedar, forest floor, and Asian spices. It is heady and intoxicating. On the palate this complex wine is driven by ripe fruit flavours of cherry and raspberry, black currant, nutmeg and slight notes of cigar box and graphite. The structure is elegant with soft full tannins, beautiful acidity and a long finish. This youthful wine is delicious now but will amply reward cellaring.

#### Winemaking Notes

Our winemaking philosophy is to treat our grapes gently and with respect, in order to produce complex, age worthy wines that showcase the very best expression of the Similkameen Valley terroir. Each vineyard block was harvested separately, by hand, when judged to be at optimal maturity. The grapes were then gently destemmed, crushed, and fermented in concrete tanks following a moderate cold-soak. After a gentle pressing the wines were aged for 15 months in 100% French oak barrels. Simplicity and a light hand in the winery have allowed us to deliver a wine which speaks of the beauty of our land.

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