

# Estate Reserve Red 2019

## TASTING

Clos du Soleil's Estate Reserve wines form the pinnacle of our portfolio, and are designed to showcase the unique terroir of our Upper Bench estate vineyard sites. The 2019 vintage is nuanced, rich and complex. The nose immediately signals the uniqueness of this wine: perfumed aromas of cedar, blackberry, raspberry, forest undergrowth, and cocoa, with notes of leather and crushed stones. On the palate the wine is full and fresh, dominated by ripe berries such as raspberries, blackberries and blackcurrants, with notes of pencil shavings and gravel. The tannins are very fine and elegant. The bright acidity brings freshness and lushness, leading to a very long finish. A layered and complex wine, yet still displaying delicacy, this is a wine which can age for many years.

## WINEMAKING

The 2019 growing season was characterized by a warm spring and summer followed by cooler than normal autumn ripening, leading to a very classically styled vintage of this iconic wine. Each variety was hard-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 in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months. Entirely unfinned and unfiltered, as with all Clos du Soleil wines the focus was on minimal handling and minimal intervention, to best showcase our unique terroir.

## TECHNICAL

**Harvest Dates:** 18 October 2019 – 1 November 2019  
**Bottling Date:** 16 June 2021  
**Vineyards:** Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard, and  
Clos du Soleil La Côte Vineyard, Keremeos,  
Similkameen Valley  
**Varieties:** Cabernet Sauvignon 31%, Merlot 25%,  
Malbec 19%, Cab Franc 14%, Petit Verdot 11%  
**Total Production:** 193 cases

**Alc:** 13.8%   **pH:** 3.71   **Titrateable Acidity:** 6.12 g/L   **Residual Sugar:** 0.7 g/L   **SKU:** +490938 (750mL)



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