

Estate Reserve Red 2020

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 2020 vintage is nuanced, rich and complex. The nose immediately signals the uniqueness of this wine: perfumed floral aromas of violet, complemented by cedar, blackberry, raspberry, and forest undergrowth, 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 exceptionally 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 2020 growing season was characterized by a warm spring and summer followed by a long, moderately warm autumn ripening season. All of which led to a ripe yet balanced vintage of this iconic wine. 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 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: 14-28 October 2020
Bottling Date: 13 June 2022
Vineyards: Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (91%), and Clos du Soleil La Côte Vineyard (9%), Keremeos, Similkameen Valley
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 49%, Merlot 21%, Cab Franc 15%, Malbec 9%, Petit Verdot 6%
Total Production: 263 cases

Alc: 14.0% **pH:** 3.74 **Titrateable Acidity:** 6.12 g/L **Residual Sugar:** 0.15 g/L **SKU:** +859835 (750mL)



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