

Estate Reserve Red 2021

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 2021 vintage is nuanced, aromatic, and indicative of the fine warm growing conditions in the Similkameen Valley. The nose immediately signals the uniqueness of this wine: perfumed floral aromas of rose petals and spice, complemented by cedar, blackberry, raspberry, and forest undergrowth, with notes of menthol and crushed stones. On the palate the wine is full and fresh, dominated by ripe berries such as raspberries and blackberries, a juicy midpalate complemented by savoury notes of roast meat, finishing with notes of pencil shavings and gravel. The tannins are fine and exceptionally elegant. The bright acidity holds it all together, ending in a fresh, mouth-watering sensation. A layered and complex wine, yet still displaying delicacy, this is a wine which will age for many years.

WINEMAKING

The 2021 growing season was characterized by a quite hot spring & early summer, followed by a more moderate conclusion to the ripening seasoning, leading to a ripe yet balanced vintage of this iconic wine. Early heat did not have any noticeable impact on the grape development, other than slowing it down, and the Similkameen Valley enjoyed an excellent maturation period unlike some other areas of BC, leading this to be a standout vintage. 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 unfiltered 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: 6-27 October 2021

Bottling Date: 13 June 2023

Vineyards: Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (82%), Clos du Soleil La Côte Vineyard (11%), Clos du Soleil Whispered Secret Vineyard (9%), Keremeos, Similkameen Valley

Varieties: Merlot 34%, Cabernet Franc 23%, Cabernet Sauvignon 21%, Malbec 11%, Petit Verdot 11%

Total Production: 226 cases

Alc: 13.9% **pH:** 3.76 **Titrateable Acidity:** 6.34 g/L **Residual Sugar:** 0.12 g/L **SKU:** +832089 (750mL)



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