

BLASTED CHURCH™

MERLOT 2007

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The 2007 edition of the Blasted Church Merlot was a result of a great growing season for this varietal. The three distinct vineyards produced outstanding quality. Our Blasted Church Merlot block displayed its outstanding and always consistent quality as well as the terrific and complex Merlot that comes from the Naramata Bench. The parcel from Osoyoos brings the dark, rich and dense colour to the blend. When the three parcels were delivered separately to the crush pad at the winery we knew a great new vintage of Merlot would evolve.

WINEMAKING

The three parcels of Merlot were hand picked and then sorted whole cluster and whole berry before being transferred to tank. Once in tank the whole berries are left to macerate for 4 to 7 days at 4 degrees celcius. During this period the cap is punched down by hand twice a day. When the fruit has completed its cold soak, the must is warmed and inoculated with a specific yeasts strain. Fermentation lasts a further 10 to14 days. After fermentation is completed the must is kept warm and the cap is allowed to sink. This process allows the tannins to polymerize and soften before the Merlot is pressed off and racked into barrel. The free run and pressings are kept separate and aged in barrel where the wine undergoes malo-lactic fermentation and is aged for 12 months. The wine is then racked and blended before it goes through our crossflow filter prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Mid crimson.

Bouquet: Black cherry, plums, cassis, espresso, mocha and hints of cloves.

Palate: Layers of raspberry, strawberry, damson plum followed by black cherry and a touch of mint.

Food Pairings: Duck with fruit sauces (plum, raspberry glaze...etc), seared tuna and bbq ribs.

Vineyard Profile	Brix at Harvest
Merlot - Blasted Church	25.4 Bx
Merlot - Naramata	24.7 Bx
Merlot - Osoyoos	24.7 Bx

Total Acidity:	6.3 g/L
Final pH:	3.61
Residual Sugar:	0 g/L
Alcohol:	13.0%
Cases Produced:	1480
CSPC:	+37531

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