

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

## PAIRING!

Red meats

## BOUQUET!

Cassis &amp; blueberry

## VINTAGE

2016

## Appellation:

Okanagan Valley (VQA)

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot has a bouquet of cassis, blueberry, dried herbs, and leather, all underlined with chocolate and coffee notes derived from its time in barrel. On the palate, the round attack carries the notes of dark fruit, dried herbs, and cocoa through to the mid-palate where the structure builds and persists into the bright, well balanced finish. Beef, lamb, or venison would provide a great match to the wine in its youth, while duck or mushroom dishes would be perfect companions for the wine in the years to come.

## GROWING SEASON

The 2016 growing season jumped off to a fast start, and it was all the vineyard team could do to keep up with the rapidly growing vines. Thankfully, the season steadied with a cooler than usual July, which allowed for a longer hang time on the grapes to allow the flavours to develop while maintaining a balanced acid profile in the fruit. The Merlot for the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot was hand harvested from the Jose Vineyard in Osoyoos and from our estate vineyard on the Skaha Bench, with the Cabernet Sauvignon components from the Suncrest Vineyard in Oliver, followed again by the fruit from the Jose Vineyard in Osoyoos and our neighbours on the Skaha Bench. After 14 months in a mix of French, American and Eastern European oak the blend reached its ideal profile of structure and body, creating a wonderful vintage.

**Total acidity:** 5.6g/L

**Final pH:** 3.84

**Residual Sugar:** 0.47g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Cases Produced:** 3500

**CSPC:** 734541

### Varietal Profile:

63% Cabernet Sauvignon

32% Merlot

3% Petit Verdot

1% Malbec

1% Cabernet Franc

**Blasted Church Wines are available in BC through our winery direct order desk.**

Sales Desk - 604.803.5505

Toll-free - 877.703.5505

sales@blastedchurch.com

**In Alberta Blasted Church Wines are represented by BonVida Wines**

P: 403.568.8463

Toll free: 1-8-SPELLBOUND

[www.blastedchurch.com](http://www.blastedchurch.com)

