2018

Merlot

KOBAU VINEYARD

100% MERLOT

A terroir driven Merlot from the famed Kobau Vineyard, this elegant wine brims with red fruit aromatics such as cherries and plums and a classic hint of sagebrush. On the palate, toasty notes complement the core fruit flavors and velvety tannins create a soft and rounded mouthfeel.

Kobau Vineyard

The southerly aspect of the Kobau Vineyard on the Golden Mile Bench allow the vines to bask in the early morning sun. On gravelly soils, wines from this vineyard are known for being mineral-driven, well structured, with a balanced ripeness and fresh acidity.

ESTABLISHED
2005

SOIL
Sand and gravel

ACRES
44.3

ELEVATION
330-390m

The Vintage

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique conditions experienced during the growing season, nevertheless a promising one.

VINTAGE
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HARVEST DATE
September 27-October 05

MATURATION
18 months in French oak, 40% new

BOTTLING DATE
August 2020

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.3 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY
4.4 g/L

pH
3.5

AGING POTENTIAL
8-10 years