

2019

# LAUNDRY MERLOT

## VINEYARD NOTES

Variety: 94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

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Appellation: VQA Lincoln Lakeshore

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Brix at Harvest: 21.7°

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## WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand-harvested from the Laundry vineyard. Grapes were destemmed and crushed before indigenous fermentation and malolactic conversion in oak vat. For structure and complexity, a small amount of Cab Franc was co-fermented with the Merlot. Following a total maceration time of one month, the grapes were gently pressed and the wine settled before barrel aging for 13 months. The best eight barrels were then selected (two of which were new oak) and blended to create this wine.

Alcohol: 13.4%

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Titratable Acidity: 5.9 g/L

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pH: 3.6

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Residual Sugar: 1 g/L

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Closure: Diam Cork

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## TASTING NOTES

Aromas of baking spice, star anise, black plums, tobacco, and dark chocolate. This brooding Merlot is dry and dark. More baker's chocolate on the palate with coffee, and black raspberry flavours. All this mixed with a moderate amount of tannins makes this a Merlot great for enjoying now or for laying down for a couple years to see how it develops.

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