



2021 Merlot

Lailey

About this wine: Merlot is applauded for its versatility and fruit expression, and in Niagara, it demonstrates its full potential to make full-bodied, dry wines.

Sub Appellation: Niagara River VQA

Vineyard: Single Vineyard

Soil: sub-soils of red shale. Well draining. High silt content mixed with mineral rich clay.

Grapes: Merlot 100%

Vinification: Hand harvested on October 18, 2021, micro-lot fermentations with wild yeast and extended skin contact followed by gentle pressing. Ageing in French oak barrels for 16 months and skilfully blended from a selection of our top barrels. The results yielded a medium-full bodied red with red black fruit notes, vanilla aromas and baking spice on the finish.

Bottling Data: Alc.Vol 12.5 %, RS 3 g/l, pH 3.4, TA 6.7

Production: 260 cases produced

Harvest Date: September 18 2021 **Bottling Date:** September 2023

Retail Price: \$38.00

Tasting Notes: This wine opens up with deep aromas of plum, dark cherry, vanilla bean and red raspberries. On the palate there's a velvety smooth mouthfeel, with mouth-filling tannins and delicate acidity. Flavour profiles of dark chocolate, sage and rosemary—making it the perfect wine for any occasion. Medium to full bodied in profile, pairs well with marinated flank steak topped by fresh chimichurri sauce; grilled root veggies, and herbed focaccia.

