



QUAILS' GATE 2019 MERLOT



STORY.....

Merlot is the most planted red varietal in the Okanagan and typically produces smooth, full bodied wines with red and black fruit flavours. The Merlot grapes for this wine come from our West Kelowna estate and the south Okanagan on the Black Sage Bench.

WINEMAKING.....

The Merlot is destemmed, transferred into tanks and then left to macerate on skins for 21 days. During fermentation, the juice receives remontage or 'pumping over' twice a day to submerge the skins and further develop flavour and tannins. It is then aged in a selection of new and old French Oak for 16 months.

TASTING NOTES.....

Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, black cherry, cassis, cedar, nutmeg, bakers chocolate and burnt toffee. A smooth entry on the palate with a rich and silky mouthfeel abundant in opulent tannins. A long structured finish with flavours of dark fruit, black pepper and black cherry.

PERFECT PAIRINGS.....

This smooth, rich wine pairs well with braised short ribs, meatloaf, Italian style sausages, lasagna, bison burgers and an array of aged local hard cheeses. Decant for an hour or so prior to drinking and serve in Bordeaux-style stemware for best enjoyment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alc. by volume: 14.5%
Total acidity: 6.3 g/l
Residual sugar: 2 g/l
pH: 3.6
SKU code: 639633
UPC code: 778856118230
Date bottled: April 2021

CELLARING NOTES: Enjoy now and through 2030.