



Description

The Laughing Lands Vineyard, originally planted in 1989, has proven itself to be a site of distinction. We are proud to offer the 2018 Merlot as its inaugural release. It is a dark, muscular, juicy wine with aromas of ripe cherries, cocoa, with hints of licorice on its rich, round, plump mid-palate. The wine finishes with a smooth structure of fine-grained tannins. Drink now and into the 2030s.

Technical Information

Harvest: September 24th and October 2nd

Vineyard: Laughing Lands

Selection: Three Palms

Blend: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.8

TA: 5.77 g/l

Retail price: \$95

Production: 114 cs. (12pks/750ml)

Winemaking Process

Merlot was hand-picked at night and sorted and destemmed before being put in tank to be fermented with native yeast. After fermentation, the wine was drained and barreled down to 80% new French oak, including Darnajou, Sylvain, Taransaud, and Atelier coopers. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration after 20 months in oak.

94+ points, Lisa Perotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it needs a little coaxing to reveal notes of fresh red and black plums, mulberries and blackberries plus hints of dried herbs, violets, tilled soil, truffles and tree bark. Medium to full-bodied with a lovely velvety texture, the palate is jam-packed with minerals and perfume, finishing with satisfying persistence.

94 points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

94 points, Wine Spectator

92 points, Jeb Dunnuck