

MERLOT 2019



VINEYARD & VINTAGE

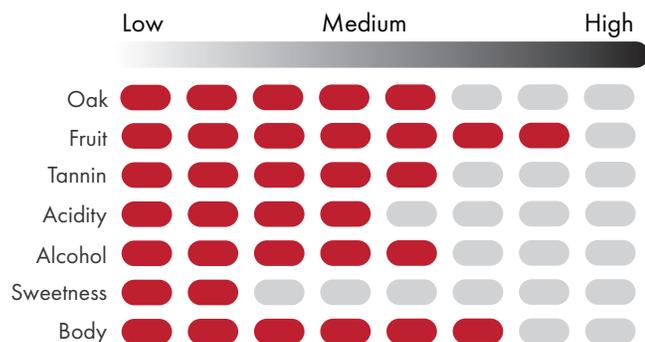
In the heart of the Paso Robles AVA, you will find our estate nestled deep in the Geneseo District where Bordeaux varietals reign supreme. Our special, small production Merlot is spread out over just a few rows, taking up only 2 of our 40 acres. We look over these 20 year-old vines carefully on a daily basis, making sure we hand-harvest at exactly the right hour of the perfect day to achieve optimum acid and sugar levels in the grapes. This is the last vintage of Estate grown Merlot for Bianchi Vineyards—and what a vintage it is! 2019 blessed us with 60% more rainfall than average for Paso Robles, providing top notch water for our vines to thrive on. Vine roots reaching deeper for water that permeates the top soil forces the vines to struggle, which leads to impeccable wine quality. Our harvest was high in quality but low in yields, intensifying flavors in the finished wine and leading ultimately to an impressive finished product.

REGION & VARIETAL COMPOSITION



TASTING & PAIRINGS

This stunning vintage of Estate grown Merlot shines with a deep scarlet hue, and a powerful bouquet of spice, oak and fruit rises to the top of the glass. This highly aromatic, medium-to full-bodied wine smells of ripe raspberries and plums, sweet cedar and white pepper. Dark fruit flavors like black cherry and red plum are layered with savory herbal notes and undertones of vanilla and mocha.



Suggested pairings for our 2019 Merlot include aged sharp cheddar with buttery crackers, flavorful brisket and other smoked meats, and hearty root vegetables! Salute!