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## *2020 DRY CREEK VALLEY MERLOT*

Indulge in the Exquisite 2020 Merlot from Dry Creek Vineyards. Our winemaker is committed to using only the finest grapes sourced from a premier vineyard in the Dry Creek. The wine produces an exquisite medium-bodied Merlot. Although the 2020 harvest produced smaller quantities compared to the last four vintages, the quality of the fruit was exceptional. The vineyard's sandy loam soil, coupled with the elegant clone 181 which is cane pruned, gives the wine its natural acidity and limited production per acre. These factors coalesce to form a beautifully balanced and structured flavor.

### *Winemaking*

Upon entering the winery, the hand-harvested grapes are destemmed and cold soaked for three days. Following the cold soak, yeast is added and pump-overs commence, two times daily, for the duration of primary fermentation. The wine is drained and pressed, then moved to barrels where it is racked several times to clarify the wine. The wine completes a total of 18 months barrel aging in French oak, allowing for the perfect balance of fruit, tannin, and oak.

### *Tasting Notes*

Unraveling the Layers of a Velvety Wine. Indulge in the complexity of aromas in this luxurious wine. From chocolate spice to dark berries, coffee, caramel, and cedar, it offers a diverse palate. A fleshy mouthfeel precedes bright, upfront, red fruit flavors, a structured mid-palate, and a firm backbone of ripe tannins. Its impressive length and elegant finish are remarkable. The Merlot is capable of aging beautifully and can be savored for years to come.

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley  
Blend: 100% Merlot  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
RS: None



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