

Fulkerson Winery

Fulkerson Wine Cellars LLC

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Dundee, NY 14837-8828

2013 Merlot

Estate Grown and Bottled; Finger Lakes AVA

Merlot, a Bordeaux grape, is a mid-ripening *vinifera* variety that is the single most planted variety in France, and one of the most widely planted in the world. This variety is most notably blended with either Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, or both. However,

varietals are not uncommon in the United States

"This estate grown Merlot expresses old world quality. Full bodied with flavors of ripe fruit and velvety tannins with intense flavors of plum, blackberry and vanilla with a balanced tannic structure. Aged in older French oak barrels for 1 year. A perfect companion to red sauced dishes, aged cheese and chargrilled steak ."

Viticultural Notes

Grape: Merlot

Harvest Date: October 8, 2013

Merlot is one of the most challenging grape varietals to cultivate and is best suited to clay-limestone soils where it is grown on the Fulkerson Farm. Because it is easier to ripen, it is more widely grown than Cabernet Sauvignon, however it is very susceptible to



Winemaking Notes

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Bottling Date: 6/20/2016

Cases Bottled: 282

Fermentation: Stainless Steel

Aging: French Oak

Alcohol by Volume: 12.5%

Labeled alcohol: 12%

Brix at Harvest: 23.5

Residual Sugar: 0%

IRF scale: Dry

TA (Titratable Acidity): 5.7g/l

pH: 3.58

Age ability: 5-10 years.

Serving Temperature: 65°-70°F

Tasting Notes: Plum, blackberry, vanilla with a balanced structure.

Pairing Suggestions: Tomato based dishes, beef and aged cheese. .

botrytis and downy mildew. And, along with its susceptibility to winter injury, Merlot is not well suited to the Finger Lakes. However, we has a protected enough site in which we can ripen a crop, and protect it from harsh winter temperatures.