

BRADY

VINEYARD

2020 MERLOT



Accolades

2024 Wine Enthusiast: 91 Points

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Taste

The 2020 Brady Vineyard Merlot is big and bold. Deep ruby in color with lavish flavors of blackberry, black olive, and hints of peppery spice. On tasting, it shows an opulent, silky texture with juicy bramble and savory flavors that echo the aromas. A hint of velvety oak lengthens the finish. Enjoy by itself, or with smoked or roasted meats, sharp cheeses, and dishes with rich flavorful sauces.

Vineyard

This Merlot is crafted from hi-density, vertically trellised vines grown in calcareous clay soils that are the artifact of tectonic uplifting of ancient seafloor. Situated in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles, just far enough inland from the Pacific Ocean to build heat daily, but close enough to enjoy the nightly cooling of maritime breezes. All these elements together result in rich, fully-ripened grapes, ideal for producing big and powerful Merlot.

Winemaker's Notes

Harvest takes place once the vegetative flavors have subsided and prior to any shriveling. The fruit is crushed and moved to stainless tanks and inoculated for fermentation with FX-10, a yeast strain known to bring out the best in Bordeaux Reds. After eight days, the wine is drained and skins pressed. After settling, the wine was racked into oak barrels to mature for 18 months.

HARVEST ANALYSIS

October 14, 2020
Brix 25.2
pH 3.63
TA 0.48%

FINISH ANALYSIS

Alc. 15.0%
pH 3.76
TA 0.64%

BLEND

Merlot 100%