

MONSTER CABS 2018

TASTING NOTES

Cabs are here! An intriguing blend of CABS dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Aromas of black cherry, vanilla bean and plum tingle your senses. Flavours of blackberry pie and smooth caramel explode onto your palate.

Winery Price \$ 17.30 +897074

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season was similar to 2017. Spring started off slowly and was wetter than average. 2018 found the vineyards two weeks behind our normal bud burst. Once the warmer weather arrived mid-spring, it caused the above average snow levels in the mountains to melt rapidly resulting in another year of flooding. The flooding did not wash any topsoil away and, after a challenging start, the end of spring weather conditions were perfect for an ideal fruit set. Once summer arrived, it was hot and dry which tested our vineyard crews to pay close attention to irrigation regimes and leaf-to-fruit ratios. The vineyards soaked up the summer sunshine; meticulous farming and careful yield management allowed the grapes to fully ripen on the vine. September was wet. After each rainfall, the tractors were driven down the vineyard rows to blow the water off the vines and fruit ensuring there was no opportunity for mold to develop. A beautiful autumn saw the perfect weather to allow the fruit to catch up after a wet September.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This Monster is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec. The grapes were hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. The berries were then crushed & held cold for two days. During fermentation, a combination of hand plunging the must and judicious use of pumping over ensured the optimum level of tannin extraction.

CELLARING NOTES

Ready to drink on release. Drink by 2025.

48% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec

Alcohol Level: 13.5%

Levels: pH 3.80 TA 6.3 g/l

Sugar: 0.4 g/l

Harvest date: October 8th - November 13th, 2018

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