

RED EYED 2018

TASTING NOTES

This Merlot based Red Eyed Monster charges forward with cherries and plum on the nose. Soft, fruit-forward flavours of berry mingle with a hint of milk chocolate. This medium weight Monster with integrated tannins allows this wine to stand up to dishes with some spicy heat.

Winery Price \$19.90 +603001

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

Red Eyed Monster was made from a blend of red grapes. The berries were hand picked & sorted in the vineyard. Each of the component varietals were fermented separately. The finished wines were then blended to taste by Stefan and Natasha, our favourite winemakers.

CELLARING NOTES

Ready to dive into upon release.

**39% Merlot, 24% Malbec, 18% Cabernet Franc,
13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot**
Alcohol Level: 14.4%

Levels: pH 3.76 TA 6.1 g/l

Sugar: 0.5%

Harvest date: October 8th - November 11th, 2018

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