

# 2022 Cabernet Merlot

# MAYHEM

Mayhem Wines is a collaboration between two established wine industry siblings - Terry Meyer Stone of Anarchist Mountain Vineyards and her brother JAK Meyer of Meyer Family Vineyards, along with their respective spouses Andrew Stone and Janice Stevens.

Our grapes are grown at Anarchist Mountain Vineyard in Osoyoos, where we have a long-term lease agreement. We also have partnerships with devoted, quality-driven growers throughout the Okanagan Valley, including the Naramata Bench and Oliver. We aim to work with growers and vineyards that use organic and sustainable farming practices and give back to the land.



## THE VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage started off very slow with cool temperatures. Summer delivered our usual glorious Okanagan weather without the extreme heat we had in the previous year. The latter half of the season presented great weather for slow and gradual flavour and phenolic development in the fruit keeping sugar levels in control. The fall weather produced above average temperatures right through to the end of October, which were ideal conditions for retaining natural acidity and slow gradual accumulation of flavours to optimal ripeness. The overall 2022 growing season has provided us with outstanding fruit for our 2022 Cabernet Merlot.

## THE WINE

The fruit was hand-picked from two unique vineyard sites in the South Okanagan. Picked on October 21st from Anarchist Mountain Vineyard in Osoyoos, originally planted in 1994, and on October 14th from Ryegrass Road Vineyard in Oliver, planted in 2009. The fruit was whole berry destemmed into stainless steel fermenters and co-fermented. It remained on the skins for 14 days with a 5-day cold soak before being pressed off and put to barrel. Aged for 11 months in seasoned French oak barrels, a natural malolactic fermentation occurred in the Spring. The wine was bottled at the end of August, unfiltered and coarsely filtered. It is a blend of 92% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc. Enjoy now or within the next 3 to 5 years.

## TASTING NOTES

This elegant yet playful Cabernet Merlot is beautifully balanced with depth and flavours. It displays sour cherries, cranberries, and raspberries on the nose with some herbaceous notes such as sage and thyme. The palate opens with complex flavours of cherries, black berries, pomegranate, and dark chocolate with a touch of black olive. A medium body and silky, smooth tannins, with a long alluring finish will have you coming back for more. Drink this wine now or allow it to age for up to 5 years.

## PAIRS WELL WITH

Grilled pork loin with roasted rosemary potatoes and a seasonal salad.

TA – 6.63 g/L

RS – 0.49 g/L

Alcohol – 13.7%

691 cases produced

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