

2020 Claret

tasting notes

A classic Bordeaux style blend, our Del Rio Claret is an elegant composition of 56% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 14% Malbec. Complex and rich, this wine boasts deep flavors of black plum, figs, and white pepper. Framed with toasty oak notes and balanced tannins that provide structure for this rich and elegant blend. Intricately designed for enjoyment now or to be cellared for aging.

winemaking

Each of the three varietals comprising the Claret; Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec are processed, fermented and barrel aged separately. This wine was then aged for 17 months in 100% French oak, with 15% being new high toast barrels. After barrel aging our winemaking team crafts the perfect blend, using the three grapes as building blocks to complete an elegant and complex masterpiece.

vineyard

South facing, our Southern Oregon vineyard estate is located at the northern end of the Rogue Valley. With elevations ranging from 700 to 1800 feet, the primarily ancient volcanic and alluvial fan soils provide well drained, nutrient-rich soils that are ideal for growing premium wine grapes.

food pairing

The Claret is the perfect partner for an elegant evening of rich food dishes. A delicious grilled steak or rack of lamb flavors will be accented by the smooth nature of the Claret. A fancy meal is not required for enjoyment with this soulful French tribute as it also pairs well with classic hard cheeses such as Parmesan, Romano, and aged Gouda.

wine stats

Cases Produced	854
pH	3.78
T.A.	5.8 g/L
Alcohol	13.8
Bottled	May 2022

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