

2020 RESERVE MERLOT CABERNET FRANC CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the lower terrace of the Askerne vineyard, across different soil profiles from sandy silt through to gravels, giving wonderful complexity to the individual parcels that make up the blend. Each batch was fermented as individual varieties followed by extended post maceration on skins to build richness. After pressing, the wines were settled and racked to oak barriques. Here they completed malolactic fermentation and were matured for 12 months before blending. The final blend was made up of 46% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Malbec, with a 35% new oak component and 35% second fill oak.

ANALYSIS

pH 3.63
TA 5.9g/L
Alc 14.0%

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of dark and brooding fruit with sweet cassis, mocha and chocolate notes. Fleshy and full, the palate is juicy and rich with fine oak spice and concentrated dark berry fruit. The finish is broad and long with velvety smooth tannins. A wine of sophistication and underlying power.

AWARDS

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