

UPPER BENCH

WINERY & CREAMERY

2013 ESTATE MERLOT

\$32.00



Nose:

- Black Cherry
- Opulent Fruit
- Polished wood
- Cedar

Palate:

- Rainier Cherry
- Cassis
- Pomegranate
- Elegant Tannins

Vintage Notes:

Yet another wet start to the season, but July and August compensated for it. 2013 turned out to be the hottest summer of the decade, followed by one of the coolest falls we have ever seen. It was a great year for grape growing, giving us fine tannins as well as balanced and concentrated flavours.

100% Merlot handpicked on October 7th at 26.5 Brix, solely from Upper Bench's sustainably farmed, home vineyard. Hand tended, cropped low at 2.6 tons per acre, the grapes were fermented in 700 litre wooden vats and then cellared in French oak barrels, 30% new, for 20 months.

CASES 116 | CSPC 412627 | ALC. 14.9%
TONS 2.6/ACRE | pH 3.56 | T.A. 6.5 | R.S. 3.1

AGING: 20 MONTHS FRENCH OAK, 30% NEW

VINEYARD: UPPER BENCH

PICK DATES: OCTOBER 7TH, 2013

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