

UPPER BENCH

WINERY & CREAMERY



2011 MERLOT

\$29

“This is an attractive style of Merlot...The palate is plush and smooth... Very Tasty.” 90 points ~ Daenna Van Mulligen

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Nose:

- Leather
- Dark cherry
- Tobacco
- Chocolate

Palate:

- Black cherry
- Red currant
- Dark chocolate
- Fine tannins

Vintage Notes:

As well as being our first vintage here at Upper Bench, 2011 was one of the coolest Okanagan vintages on record. Saved by the long warm fall, this Merlot was hand picked from grapes on our own 17-year-old vines on the 24th of October 2011 and from Margaretta Vineyards on November 3rd. The cool season and low crop, gave this Merlot amazing varietal character, great structure and long aging potential.

CASES 118 | CSPC 846022 | ALC. 14.7% | BRIX 24.8
TONS 2.5/ACRE | pH 3.41 | T.A. 7.7 | R.S. 2.7 | V.A. 0.89

AGING: 18 MONTHS IN 25% NEW FRENCH OAK
VINEYARD: UPPER BENCH & MARGARETTA VINEYARDS
PICK DATES: OCTOBER 24th & NOVEMBER 3rd, 2011
PAIRS WITH: UPPER BENCH KING COLE & MOODY COW