

vilafonté

Series C 2020

Complete & Harmonious

Series C 2020 displays great density of red to black colour and bright crimson rim. Deep, sensuous aromatics with clear Series C typicity of dark blue/black fruit notes. Rich layers of black currant pastille, liquorice, hints of Juniper berry and charred Cedar-wood offering appreciable sophistication. The palate is deliciously broad and harmonious, displaying “fruit sweetness” throughout. Luscious mid-palate with ripe tannins, good weight and texture. Both linear and continuous, showing perfect presence and great length. Beautifully integrated. The vintage reflects a quintessential elegance, with a core of satin-textured tannins and youthful energy. While alluring in its youth, the 2020 Series C promises a decade or more of cellaring to realise its full potential.

The Vintage

Covid-19 and a year of firsts. When confronted with disruptions and uncertainties, it is said one should remain focused on the outcome, rather than the challenges themselves. The 2019/2020 growing season brought fair and favourable conditions on the whole. Post-harvest rains in 2019 marked the onset of a wet, cold winter. With spring came warm, fair weather, resulting in an early (two weeks earlier) and even bud-break. This saw healthy, homogeneous shoot growth in the early season. Windy conditions during flowering led to some variability in berry set and produced looser clusters with small berries. Temperatures during ripening were moderate and without the usual heatwaves we have come to expect. This led to an even and measured pace in ripening and picking. Even with the uncertainty brought by the announcement of a national Covid-19 lockdown, on the 26th March 2020, we are grateful to have processed all wines safely to barrel before this time. While no-one expected the global outbreak of a pandemic on this scale, or the far-reaching ramifications thereof, we have remained positive, and will continue to do so. Wines of the vintage exhibit poise, concentration and a restrained potency. Hallmarks intrinsic to a future classic.

The Blend

Twenty-two months in sixty-eight percent new French oak barrique, with the balance in older French oak. Series C 2020 consists of Cabernet Sauvignon (fifty-eight percent), Merlot (twenty-four), Malbec (ten percent) and Cabernet Franc (eight percent). Sixty-one barrels were produced.



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