

vilafonté

Series C 2021

Sumptuous & Measured

Series C 2021 represents a vivid expression of our unique vilafonté site.

It exhibits a dark red-black coloured centre and brightly ruby-rimmed edge. Opening unhurriedly it reveals a layered aromatic palette with notes of incense and violet blossom that segue to delicious black plum, fresh black currants and Boysenberries. Subtle hints of sandalwood, sappy juniper and blonde tobacco gradually emerge with further time in the glass. The palate is luscious, with silky tannins and linear progression that finish with great presence and length. Generous fruit expression adds dimension to this elegant and impeccably well-balanced wine.

While the 2021 Series C is already complete in its youth, this blend will reward those who exercise patience, as it continues to evolve and develop complexity. Enjoy now or cellar for two decades or more.

The Vintage

Truly stellar. Ample rains followed an unusually cold and wet spring which continued into early summer, leading to larger vine canopies and requiring additional inputs to manage vigorous growth.

Flowering was largely even, with good fruit-set, boding well for an abundant crop. Early growing season temperatures were cool to moderate, warming gradually toward ripening. Noteworthy was the lack of heatwaves normally experienced in February and March. This meant that water resources were less strained and bunches saw little to no sunburn. We were excited by flavours while tasting for harvest decision-making. Berries were supple-skinned, bursting with flavour, vibrant freshness and a bold tannin structure. Harvest began on February 11th, only 3 days later than usual, and we were blessed with mild weather for the remainder of the season.

Wines of the vintage are intensely coloured and show a sophisticated poise and gravitas.

The Blend

Twenty-two months in eighty-one percent new French oak barrique,
with the balance in older French oak.

Series C 2021 consists of Cabernet Sauvignon (fifty-seven percent), Merlot (twenty-six percent),
Malbec (ten percent) and Cabernet Franc (seven percent).

Sixty-seven barrels were produced.

Chris de Vries

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