

OLDENBURG

VINEYARDS



MERLOT 2016

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COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
HARVEST	22 February 2016 at 23.4° Balling
TECHNICAL DATA	ALC 14% RS 3,3g/L TA 6,3g/L pH 3.31
MATURATION	18 months in 300L French oak barrels
PRODUCTION	4 716 bottles

At Oldenburg Vineyards, we believe that great wines can only come from the best quality grapes. Our intervention in the vineyards is minimal, to reflect the full potential of our mountain terroir. The Oldenburg Vineyards Series is a true expression of terroir through this range of single cultivar wines. The confluence of the 8 Natural Elements that determine our unique terroir is explored through these wines and their real sense of place. The 8 elements are depicted on the intricate Oldenburg Vineyards Series label design. Wines made in an uncompromising manner, to showcase the finest qualities of each cultivar.

WINEMAKING / MATURATION

Grapes were harvested and sorted carefully by hand, and cold-soaked for 3 days before fermentation was initiated. Pump overs were performed three times daily. Wines were matured for 18 months in 300L French oak barrels in 25% new oak.

TASTING NOTES

An inviting brick-red colour fills the glass. This Merlot shows all the characteristics of a cooler-climate region, with aromas of green tomato leaf and meaty, Parma ham and green bell pepper aromas in particular. On the palate, the wine shows remarkable mouth-watering acidity with phenomenal length, while light and plushy tannins form the backbone. Hints of sundried tomatoes, oregano and bay leaf refine a gorgeous herbaceous finish. While this wine will age beautifully, both pedigree and quality are immediately evident.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2016 vintage was a challenging one; warm conditions from the end of October through to late January restricting vine growth, leading to reduced bunch weights. The dry conditions helped ensure excellent grape quality, with smaller berry sizes bringing concentrated flavour and colour. Judicious irrigation and soils with excellent water holding capacity ensured our vineyards avoided water stress and helped us to produce another fantastic harvest.

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