

Clos du Soleil

Estate Reserve

Red 2014

Technical Information

pH:	3.7
Titrateable Acidity:	6.5 g/L
Residual Sugar:	3 g/L
Alcohol by Volume:	14.6%
Harvest Dates:	October 21st (Merlot, Cab Franc, Malbec), November 3rd (Cabernet Sauvignon), November 10th (Petit Verdot), 2014
Bottling Date:	June 6th, 2016
Vineyard Sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard, Keremeos, Similkameen Valley, BC
Varieties:	45% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec
Total Production:	151 cases
SKU:	+966887 (750mL)

Tasting Notes

Clos du Soleil's Estate Reserve wines form the pinnacle of our portfolio, and are designed to showcase the unique terroir of our Estate Vineyard on the Upper Bench of the Similkameen Valley. The 2014 vintage of our Estate Reserve wine is rich and expressive, with a layered complexity. On the nose the wine offers a heady blend of cedar, forest undergrowth, and ripe black berry fruit: blackberry, blackcurrant, and Damson plum. On the palate the wine is full and complex, with waves of blackcurrant, raspberry and blackberry, a note of graphite, firm but fine tannins, and a stony quality to the finish, a clear reflection of the terroir. This elegant wine provides loads of pleasure now, but has the structure and density to last for many years.

Winemaking Notes

A long, warm vintage allowed our Bordeaux grape varieties to achieve perfect maturity, particularly given the organic and biodynamic practices utilized in our Estate vineyard. Each variety was hand-harvested separately at peak maturity, gently de-stemmed and crushed, and then gravity-fed into fermentation tanks. All lots went through 100% spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts. Each variety was vinified separately, and then matured separately, in 100% French oak barrels (31% new) for 15 months. Following maturation, the barrels were blended and left to integrate in tank for 2 months prior to bottling. The wine is entirely unfinned and unfiltered; as with all Clos du Soleil wines, the focus was on minimal handling and intervention, to best showcase the unique terroir.

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