

60 North Merlot

Dedicated WineCollective members may remember the capsule on this wine, we featured the Mason Cloudberry in January 2014. The Cloudberry was one of the best received wines we have featured, however, the approachable Merlot was a one-time exclusive for WineCollective. The 60 North Merlot utilises the same varietals in slightly different proportions, 80% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 6% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah and 2% Malbec. The wines differ slightly, the Cloudberry was jammier and fresh, whereas the 60 North has more rustic spice. We can still appreciate the “old wooden chest” notes from the oak, which also works for the 60 North. Exciting to note, Mason Cellars Pomelo was ranked #40 on Wine Spectator’s top 100 wines of 2015! It is important to chill this wine, we found a cooler temperature of 16 degrees Celsius will lift any muddled, warm notes. Best enjoyed this year.

Varietals: Merlot, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Malbec

Region: Sacramento/Lodi California, United States

Alcohol: 13.5%

Price: \$20

Eyes

Dark plummy core with brighter ruby edges.

Nose

Definitely fruity and juicy on the nose, but instead of being ripe and fresh, the fruit is a bit dirty, earthy and spicy. The berries and plums are warm and give off a mulled wine note. The spice is not far behind, pepper and cloves.

Mouth

The stewed fruit nose carries through to the palate. There is an array of berries, from blackberry, cherry and raspberry. The black pepper spiciness and savoury flavours flow through the palate. The finish ends with a sweet-bitter, cherry cough syrup note. The tannins are structured and fine, with mild acidity.

Food Pairing

A rustic and hearty turkey and vegetable pie filled with savoury gravy.



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Eyes

Clarity: clear - cloudy - dull

Intensity: pale - medium - deep

Colour: purple - ruby - garnet - brick - brown

Nose

Intensity: light - medium - pronounced

Aroma: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate - flowers
vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game - mint - green
pepper - earth - tar - stones - minerals

Mouth

Sweetness: dry - off-dry - sweet

Acidity: low - medium - high

Tannin: low - medium - high

Body: light - medium - full

Flavour: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate
flowers - vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game
mint - green pepper - earth - tar - stones - minerals
Finish: short - medium - long

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