



ALLEGRETTO “PIE FRANCO” MERLOT 2019

Allegretto, or a medium brisk and playful tempo, is a very special single vineyard wine we call a true Merlot. The vines are planted on their own rootstock (pie franco) in white silica sand (what glass is made out of). Each and every vintage we are rewarded with trueness and transparency in the flavour that is not seen elsewhere. We also believe the white silica sandy soil of this vineyard contributes to the elegant style of this wine.

After not making any in the 2018 vintage, 2019 Allegretto returns with a big bang. 2019 Allegretto is a classic medium-bodied single vineyard Merlot hailing from a warm microclimate, within a cool macroclimate. A wine that makes its presence known both on the nose and on the attack by walking on a tight rope between new world and old world qualities. Mostly integrated tannins with a slightly edgy feel and a melange of red and black fruit approach you with poise. Raw cacao nibs and wild desert herbs mingle with the fruit and delicate dusty earthy notes. While the past few vintages (2014-2016) were all on the more structured side, the 2019 vintage can be enjoyed upon release or tucked away to gain complexity and nuances to wow even the biggest Merlot nay-sayers.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Di Carne: A classic Bistecca Fiorentina with Italian salsa verde, side of Tuscan white beans and charred radicchio, or a pistachio-crusting Filet Mignon with garlic mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables.

Vegetariano / Vegano: Marinated cauliflower steak with mushroom jus or a hearty Ratatouille.

GRAPE VARIETY:	100% Merlot
REGION:	100% Osoyoos East Bench (South Osoyoos)
VINEYARD:	Single vineyard: Staggs
SOIL ORIGIN:	White silica sand
AGE OF VINES:	20 years old
YIELD:	3 tons/acre
PRODUCTION:	161 cases
ALCOHOL:	14.40%
CLARIFICATION:	Unfined, very lightly coarse filtered
AGING:	18 months in mostly re-fill and neutral French oak barrels. 0% new

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