

VANESSA

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Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other.

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2020 Meritage



Merlot 44% / Cabernet Sauvignon 31% /
Cabernet Franc 25%

Merlot Clone 181 Bordeaux, France
Cabernet Franc Clone 331
Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France
Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169 Bordeaux,
France

Alcohol 14.5%
Residual Sugar 1 g/L
Total Acidity 6.6 g/L
pH 3.83
Brix 27
Cases Produced 596
Released 2025
SKU 160895

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Flavour Profile

Our Meritage is a Cabernet-dominant blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The nose on this fully developed wine has aromas of black plum, cassis, cedar and dried herbs. The palate is big, smooth and complex with notes of ripe raspberry, blueberry and savoury herbs. The long and rich finish shows the excellent structure and robust concentrated flavours.

Growing Conditions

The 2020 growing season started well with great weather conditions throughout April. May and June experienced somewhat cool, wet conditions which slowed growth, disrupting some spring bud development and challenging the short period of flowering thereby reducing crop load in the vineyard. July and August provided consistent sunshine, high heat, and a few timely rainy days. September to mid-October continued with very warm weather allowing the fruit to reach full maturity and ripeness. While the Growing Degree Days at Vanessa Vineyard for 2020 were at 1,678, which was slightly lower than in 2019 at 1,687 the overall outcome was a fantastic growing season. This vintage of wines is proving to be very age-worthy and shows incredible potential.

Winemaking

Crafted from only 100% estate-grown and hand-picked fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small-batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. This vintage is almost entirely comprised of free-run juice with only a very small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. Each varietal was individually fermented and barrel-aged for 8 months. The small lots were then carefully blended and the final assemblage was aged 12 additional months in American and French oak of which 40% were new barrels. The result is a seamless, beautifully integrated expression of our terroir.