



Cellar Reserve Merlot 2021

Texas High Plains



About Llano Estacado

Nestled in the heart of Texas wine country, Llano Estacado Winery is one of the state's pioneering and most celebrated wineries, committed to showcasing the unique terroir and exceptional grape quality of the Texas High Plains. Since our founding in 1976, we have partnered with Texas vineyards to craft wines that reflect both the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of our region. Known for bold reds, crisp whites, and innovative blends, Llano Estacado combines traditional winemaking with a passion for quality and authenticity. Each bottle is an invitation to experience Texas wine at its finest, made by people who understand that wine is more than a drink—it's a story from vine to glass.

The Wine

In the Cellar Reserve Merlot from Llano Estacado Winery, one discovers a wine that eloquently speaks of its Texan roots. This vintage is a celebration of the Merlot grape, showcasing a depth of character that is both rare and enchanting. The wine opens with a bouquet of dark fruits, where notes of ripe plum and blackberry are gracefully entwined with subtle hints of oak and a whisper of earthiness. On the palate, it reveals a medium-bodied elegance, with tannins that are both soft and well-structured, leading to a finish that is smooth and lingering.

This Merlot is a testament to the winery's commitment to capturing the essence of the Texas terroir in a bottle, making it an exquisite choice for those who appreciate the finer nuances of a well-crafted wine.

Technical Information

VARIETY: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINE MAKING: The 2022 Llano Estacado Cellar Reserve Merlot was crafted to emphasize the smooth, rich character of this varietal. Aged in oak barrels, this Merlot showcases layered flavors of ripe plum, black cherry, and subtle hints of cocoa and spice. The oak aging enhances its depth and structure, resulting in a full-bodied wine with soft tannins and a velvety finish, offering a refined expression of Merlot's elegance and complexity.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: The 2022 Llano Estacado Cellar Reserve Merlot is best served at a temperature of 60–65°F (15–18°C) to highlight its smooth, layered flavors. This versatile Merlot pairs wonderfully with roasted poultry, grilled lamb, mushroom dishes, and mild cheeses. Its soft tannins and rich fruit profile also make it an excellent choice for enjoying on its own or with a charcuterie board, creating a warm and inviting tasting experience.

AGING: Six months in used and new French oak barrels.

ALC. BY VOL.: 14.2%

Winemaker: Jason Centanni

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