



P E D E S T A L

Originally created in collaboration with acclaimed winemaker Michel Rolland, this unique Merlot blend is now independently produced by Long Shadows' Director of Winemaking, Gilles Nicault.

2020 MERLOT | COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

Opaque and concentrated in the glass with intense black fruit aromas laced with a streak of dark chocolate. Ripe huckleberry and wild blackberry flavors are well-integrated with appealing notes of sweet violet and oak spice. Lush and rich on the mid-palate with a velvety, textured finish that lasts.

VINEYARDS:

Like previous vintages, the 2020 Pedestal was predominately sourced from Weinbau Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope, a warm site that delivers Merlot with layers of dark, textured fruit with vibrant character. Red Mountain and Candy Mountain vineyards give the wine its backbone. Dionysus Vineyard contributes to the Pedestal's distinguished mid-palate, adding beautiful richness.

BLEND:

84% MERLOT
14% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

pH: 3.80

TA: 0.51 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,680 CASES



WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested grapes were double-sorted before fermentation to remove green materials that might impart harsh tannins. Afterward, lots were cold-soaked to build richness and flavor before undergoing whole-berry fermentation in 1,500-gallon upright French wood tanks. Throughout fermentation, gentle pump-overs enhanced the wine's beautiful color and lush mouthfeel. Aged 22 months in all French oak barrels, 80% new.

VINTAGE:

The 2020 growing season was marked by low yields, a hot summer, and extended fall hang time that produced spectacular wines with outstanding flavors, texture, and vibrancy. After a typical bud break in mid-April, May temperatures were moderate. The weather cooled in June, then warmed in July and August, with a few heat spikes. Just when it seemed harvest would be rushed, ripening conditions decelerated in Washington, and photosynthesis slowed enough to avoid high sugar accumulation and protect acidity.