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# 2020 MERLOT Central Coast

## Vineyards

Hayes Vineyard  
Freitas Vineyard

## Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Merlot  
Alcohol: 15.7% pH: 3.75  
Acidity: 0.57g/100ml  
Production: 109 cases  
Release Date: May 12, 2023



**Vintner** Ron Mosley

**Winemaker** Alejandro Aldama

**Tasting Notes** Delightful aromas of rosemary, mint with a hint of oak wood. Tastes of black cherry with lush tannins that coat your mouth, leading to a rich mouth-feel. Pairs well with grilled chicken with roasted vegetables.

**The Magic** The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French Oak barrels for maturation.

**The Grape** Merlot is the most widely planted variety in Bordeaux, France. It also is one of the grapes used in Bordeaux blends and adds a round and supple character to the wine with plenty of color. The aromas of Merlot consist of fleshy red fruits such as plum and fig, as well as roasted notes of coffee and nuts.

**The Land** This Central Coast Merlot is sourced from two distinct vineyards in the Santa Clara Valley. The Freitas vineyard is located on the valley floor, with plenty of sunshine and well draining soils. The Hayes vineyard is on the east side of the valley, perched against the foothills. The vines will produce fruit that rivals many well-known regions of the state. Warm days and cool evening breezes from the north bay are the elements necessary to produce stellar Merlot wines with a long and complex finish.

**The Season** The conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that resulted in evenly developed clusters. Low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The warm summer allowed the grapes to become fully mature, with harvest beginning in late August. We were very, very fortunate to harvest all of our grapes with no smoke related issues. The smoke from the fires along with Covid, made the 2020 season, for all of us in this industry, demanding and one that will never be forgotten.

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