

# ABEJA



## 2020 MERLOT COLUMBIA VALLEY

### VINOUS – 94 POINTS

“A savory mix of crushed cherries, blackberries, sage and sweet lavender keeps me coming back to the 2020 Merlot again and again. This is round and soothing with velvety textures lifted by brisk acids, as tart red fruit and savory inner spice add tension toward the close. It leaves a staining of primary concentration, as echoes of blueberry and wild herbal tones slowly fade over a coating of gently grippy tannins.”

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2020 growing season was marked by low yields, hot summer weather, and sufficient fall hang time to produce wines with intense aromatics and concentrated flavors. After a typical bud break in mid-April and moderate temperatures through May, conditions cooled in June. July and August were hot, but the weather cooled again in September to slow ripening just enough to give the grapes extra time on the vine to ripen fully.

### HARVEST DATES & VINEYARDS

September 18 - October 15, 2020

Abeja Estate; Mill Creek; Sagemoor Farms: Bacchus, Dionysus & Weinbau

### BARREL FERMENTATION & AGING

100% French oak - 22 months - 34% new, 66% experienced

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

99% Merlot

1% Cabernet Sauvignon

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### CHEMISTRY

Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.79, TA 5.55 g/L

### CASE PRODUCTION

820 cases

### WINEMAKERS

Daniel Wampfler & Amy Alvarez-Wampfler