



WINE:

2022 FIREBELLE ESTATE RED BLEND

PRODUCTION:

1,103 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

77% MERLOT

23% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL PROFILE:

PLEASANTON LOAM

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

FRENCH OAK AGING:

22 MONTHS, 65% NEW

## TASTING NOTES

This Merlot-dominant blend opens with an alluringly aromatic nose, rich in fruit-forward and confectionary notes of morello cherries, black tea, and dark chocolate. The bouquet evolves with hints of black currant and raspberry compote, offering a lusciousness that complements the deeper, more intense black cherry and baking spice aromas.

On the palate, the vibrant bramble berry notes offer refreshing juiciness, while the darker, more savory notes of cocoa, cedar, and soft leather build depth and nuance in the glass. As the wine unfolds, the velvety tannins broaden at the midpalate, showcasing the pedigree and power that the Larkmead estate vineyard provides each vintage. The supple finish lingers gracefully, departing with a soft, cocoa-tinged warmth, and a final hint of sun-ripened berries.

## DRINKING WINDOW

Historically, the *Firebelle* Estate Red blend has been crafted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. This vintage highlights the power and depth of the estate's old-vine Merlot blocks balanced by the singular richness of Cabernet Sauvignon.

This vintage beautifully combines the brightness and approachability of Merlot with the structure and depth of Cabernet Sauvignon, resulting in a wine that is drinking beautifully upon release and will continue to reward with time. Drink now or hold 10-15 years.

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NEXT 5-10+ YEARS