



2018 MERLOT

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
PRODUCTION	109 cases
ALCOHOL	13.5%
RELEASE DATE	March 2020
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	13 Months
RATINGS	95 pts, Guía Mesa de Cata 94 pts, Descorchados

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

The second vintage of Kingston Family Merlot came at a very good time. The 2018 harvest was undoubtedly one of the best in terms of quality in recent times, and that is clearly expressed in this Merlot.

Though we planted Merlot when we first planted our vineyards, in the winery we are still in our "experimental" phase. This is only the second year in which we have bottled our Merlot and we were initially reluctant to try it because it's so known for being grown in Chile's warmer valleys. However, we've found that the Kingston Family Merlot has a complexity of flavors unseen in Merlot grown in warmer parts of Chile.

Unlike 2017, 2018 was very cold and with yields slightly higher than expected. That is why the expression of the 2018 Merlot is so very different from the previous one.

While our 2017 Merlot is a delicious wine with lots of fruit and high volume, the 2018 stands out for its subtlety and austerity. It is a very fresh wine, with herbal notes, red fruits and spices.

Little by little we're learning how to handle this "new" varietal in the way that's best for us, but I can confidently say that we are on the right track.

- Amael Orrego, Winemaker

