

## TWIN BEAR

## Merlot | v. 2022

Washington State is known for producing Merlots of remarkable character and quality, and the debut vintage of our 2022 Twin Bear Merlot exemplifies the growing region's penchant for the variety. The Columbia Valley's warm days, cool nights, and well-drained soils create ideal conditions for Merlot, allowing the grapes to ripen fully while retaining vibrant acidity and structure. Long summer daylight hours, limited rainfall, and controlled irrigation further enhance concentration and complexity, resulting in a rich, balanced wine with layers of flavor.

From a vintage that offered ideal ripening conditions, our 2022 Twin Bear Merlot displays a deep, ruby-red color in the glass. Cocoa and black cherry aromas mingle with appealing hints of cola and star anise. On the palate, layers of ripe black cherry and blackberry echo across a lush, textured mid-palate, leading to a flavorful finish with just a touch of mint.

KYLE MACLACHLAN Owner & Vintner

Appellation: Columbia Valley

VINEYARDS: Weinbau

Blend: 100% Merlot

Aging: 100% new French oak 18 months Cases Produced: 78 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

PH: 3.91

ТА: 0.51 g/100mL

WINEMAKER: Dan Wampfler

