

# OKANOGAN

ESTATE & VINEYARDS

## 2005 MERLOT

**TASTING NOTES:** This classic dry Merlot has traditional dark fruit characteristics with boysenberry, vanilla bean and spicy aromas followed by juicy black cherries, blackberries and currant flavors, with notes of sweet tobacco and sandalwood. The rich, yet smooth tannins are well integrated with oak and the extended finish finds hints mocha and clove.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Serve with grilled rib-eye steak, prime rib or any red meat entrée. Also pairs with a peppercorn steak topped with sautéed mushrooms.

**REGION:** Okanogan Valley, North Central Washington State

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Orchard Hills Vineyard, Sorensen Vineyard and Blackler Vineyard

**VARIETAL CONTENT:** 100% Merlot

**TECHNICAL DATA:**

Brix at Harvest:

Alcohol: 14.1%

Acid: 6.0 g/l

pH: 3.51

RS: 0.01%

Aging: American Oak Barrels for 20 months

**PRODUCTION & RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Produced: 618 cases

Bottled: 9/07

Released:

**WINEMAKER:** Mike Buckmiller