

# 2018 MERLOT - EX NIHILO VINEYARDS

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## **WINEMAKING**

Grapes were hand harvested, destemmed, and fermented whole berry in stainless steel for 22 days.

Wine was pressed off to French and American oak barrels to complete the malolactic fermentation over the winter months, and aged for 20 months.

87% French, 13% American, 5% new oak

## **TASTING NOTES**

This bold Merlot is complex on the nose with notes of broken-in leather, fresh raspberries, and vanilla.

The palate boasts boisterous black cherry flavours, coffee and a cocoa finish. The wine is showing beautifully now with firm tannins, which will allow for cellaring up to seven years.

Appellation:	South Okanagan
Composition:	100% Merlot
Bottle Size:	750 mL
Alcohol:	14.2%
Residual Sugar:	2.8 g/L
Acidity:	5.1 g/L

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OKANAGAN VALLEY**