



About Llano Estacado

Nestled in the heart of Texas wine country, Llano Estacado Winery is one of the state's pioneering and most celebrated wineries, committed to showcasing the unique terroir and exceptional grape quality of the Texas High Plains. Since our founding in 1976, we have partnered with Texas vineyards to craft wines that reflect both the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of our region. Known for bold reds, crisp whites, and innovative blends, Llano Estacado combines traditional winemaking with a passion for quality and authenticity. Each bottle is an invitation to experience Texas wine at its finest, made by people who understand that wine is more than a drink—it's a story from vine to glass.

The Wine

The 2021 Merlot from Llano Estacado is a wine that embodies the essence of smooth elegance and approachable sophistication. This vintage showcases a deep ruby-red color, hinting at the depth of flavors within. On the nose, it presents an inviting bouquet of ripe plums, red cherries, and a subtle touch of mocha, creating an aroma that's both alluring and comforting. The palate is a harmonious blend of luscious fruitiness and gentle tannins, where the flavors of dark berries, plum, and a hint of cocoa dance gracefully. This Merlot is medium-bodied with a silky, velvety texture, leading to a satisfying finish that lingers on the palate.

Whether enjoyed with grilled dishes, pasta, or simply as a delightful sipper, the 2021 Merlot from Llano Estacado is a versatile wine that showcases the approachable elegance of this classic varietal.

Technical Information

VARIETY: 82% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc

WINE MAKING: The 2021 Llano Estacado Merlot was crafted to bring out the varietal's soft, approachable character and rich flavors. Aged in oak barrels, this Merlot reveals layers of ripe plum, black cherry, and subtle notes of cocoa and spice, enhanced by a smooth, velvety texture. The oak aging adds depth and structure, resulting in a balanced Merlot with gentle tannins and a lingering, elegant finish, offering a refined expression of this classic grape.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: The 2021 Llano Estacado Merlot is best served at 60-65°F (15-18°C) to bring out its rich fruit flavors and smooth texture. This versatile Merlot pairs wonderfully with roasted poultry, grilled meats, mushroom dishes, and soft cheeses. Its gentle tannins and balanced profile also make it enjoyable on its own, perfect for a relaxed evening or pairing with a charcuterie board for a cozy, inviting experience.

AGING: Six months in used and new French oak barrels.

ALC. BY VOL.: 13.6%



Winemaker: Jason Centanni