

DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

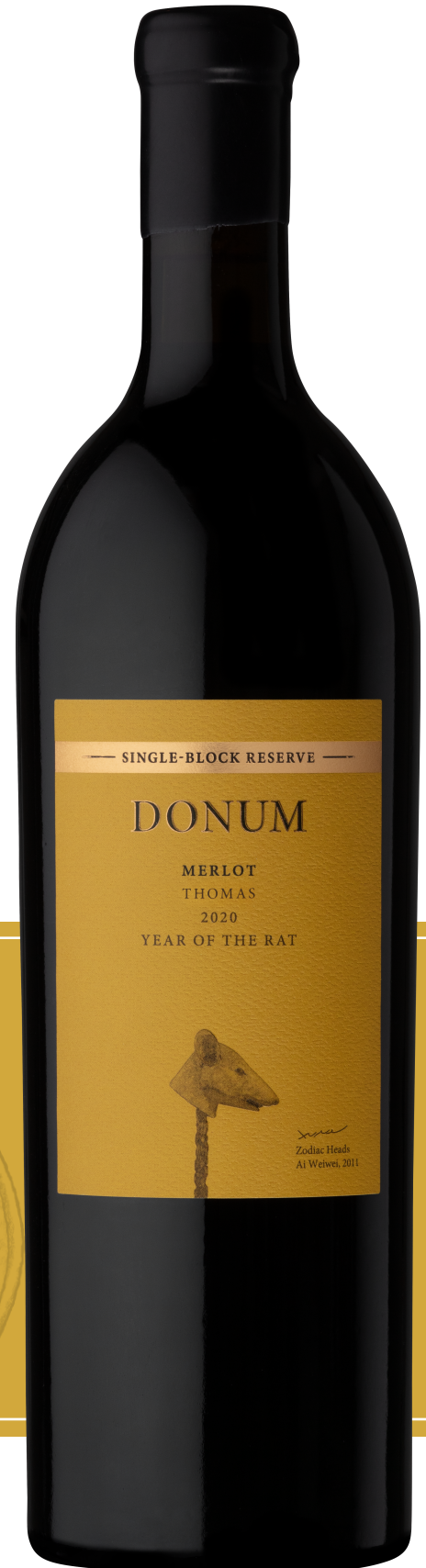
2020 SINGLE BLOCK RESERVE CARNEROS MERLOT THOMAS

INTRODUCTION

In 2018 we planted just under one acre of Merlot at our Thomas Vineyard. Merlot thrives in the clay soils of St. Emilion, and Carneros has similarly clay-heavy soils. Although Carneros is mainly known for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, there is actually a long history of Bordeaux varietals being planted here as well, and we wanted to pay tribute to this heritage with a Merlot of our own. The resulting wine is Bordeaux with a Pinot Noir sensibility and a focus on elegance and balance rather than pure power.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Bright ruby in color, with a purple core, the first ever Donum Merlot boasts a vibrant spectrum of aromas from Bing cherry and plum to leather, cedar and a touch of pistachio. The palate exhibits layers of blackberry and cherry with notes of vanilla, black pepper and sage. Grippy tannins provide structure, with dark fruit and refreshing acidity carrying through on the finish. Recommended drinking window is 2023 - 2033.



FRUIT

100% Inglenook

HARVEST DATE

August 25, 2020

ESTATE BOTTLED

August 8, 2022

CASES PRODUCED

96 cases

AGING

22 months in 100% new French oak



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