

# DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

## 2021 SINGLE BLOCK RESERVE CARNEROS MERLOT THOMAS

### INTRODUCTION

In 2018, we planted just under one acre of Merlot on our TFV Estate Vineyard. Merlot thrives in the clay-rich soils of Saint-Émilion and Carneros—regions known for their heavy clay soils, which provide ideal conditions for this varietal. While Carneros is best known for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, it also has a rich history with Bordeaux varietals. Inspired by this legacy, we set out to craft a Merlot that combines the structure of Bordeaux with the elegance of Pinot Noir—refined, balanced and expressive rather than powerful.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep ruby in color, the 2021 Merlot opens with aromas of blackberry, red currant, sage, tobacco leaf and a touch of vanilla. The palate is vibrant, revealing layers of raspberry, Bing cherry and black currant, followed by notes of dried herb and graphite. Still youthful after two years in bottle, this wine is already showing beautifully and will continue to develop greater complexity and depth over the next 10 to 20 years.

### FRUIT

100% Merlot

### HARVEST DATE

September 6, 2021

### ESTATE BOTTLED

July 13, 2023

### CASES PRODUCED

74 cases

### AGING

22 months in 100% new French oak



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