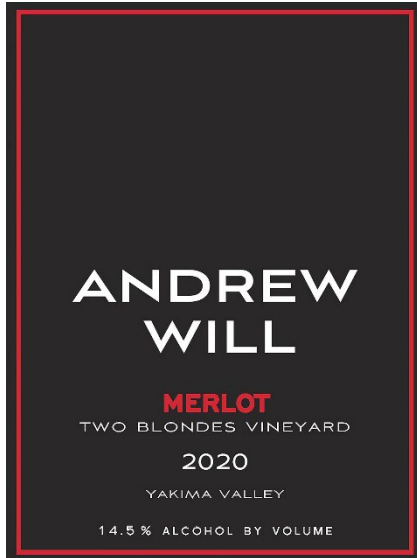


2020 Two Blondes Merlot



This Merlot has a dark ruby color. On the nose, this medium intensity wine has notes of red cherry, plum, floral notes, and leather. This wine is fully dry and has a medium plus body, with medium acid with notes of black cherry and herbal characteristics. and a long finish tart red fruit notes. This is a classic example of Washington Merlot that has the capacity to age really well over the next decade.

The 2020 Vintage was a relatively even growing season which started slightly later than normal. The summer months were marginally cooler than past few vintages which carried on into early fall. One of the markers for the vintage will be the consecutive cold snaps in October, forcing us to make quick picking decisions to avoid frost damage. In the end we did not see any frost damage or issues with our fruit.

Reviews:

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Composition: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

Vinification: Indigenous yeasts for primary fermentation, no fining (vegan), minimal SO₂, full malolactic fermentation

Vineyard: Two Blondes (~30 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, vineyard manager = Patrick Rawn)

AVA: Yakima Valley, Washington State, USA

Average Age of Vines: 17 years

Time in barrels: 23 months (20% New French Oak, 75% Neutral French Oak)

Bottling Date: July 22, 2022

Release Date: February, 2023

Total Production: 251 cases