



# Upright

# ESTATE MERLOT | Red Mountain AVA 2021

# WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Upright Merlot is crafted from grapes sourced exclusively from our Taylor Mag Estate Vineyard on Red Mountain. Utilizing native fermentation and an extended maceration period, this single-vineyard, single-varietal Merlot captures the essence of classic Merlot flavors while showcasing the unique terroir of Red Mountain, and the distinct character of our Estate.

## TASTING NOTES

The nose of this wine transports you straight to our Taylor Mag Vineyard, with distinct, dusty notes that reflect the ancient soils. Upright offers a warm and inviting experience, featuring flavors of vibrant small fruits and just a whisper of tobacco. The finish is long-lasting, allowing you to savor the true essence of the vineyard. Recommended to age for up to eight years from the vintage date, enjoy with good food and even greater company.

## TAYLOR MAG ESTATE VINEYARD

Taylor Mag Estate Vineyard, one of our three Estate Vineyards established in 2007, spans 17.1 acres. Here, our meticulous vineyard practices, including high-density planting and single-cordon trellising, enable us to cultivate robust Bordeaux varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Our "Upright" Merlot captures the nuanced complexity and distinctive minerality of Red Mountain, providing an authentic taste of the region's essence.

#### **BLEND**

100% Estate Merlot

### **BARREL**

60% New French Oak Seguin Moreau Cooperage 22 months aging

# **PRODUCTION**

220 cases

## **RELEASE**

Fall 2024

## **APPELLATION**

Red Mountain

#### VINEYARDS

Taylor Mag Estate

## **PAST ACCOLADES**

1020 - 91 WE EC 2018 - 93 OB; 92 IWR; 90 WA

#### **ANALYSIS**

Alc:13.5% pH: 3.85 TA: 0.60

EFESTĒ winery was established in 2005 by Daniel and Helen Ferrelli, along with their son-inlaw and daughter, Kevin and Angela Taylor. Since its inception, the EFESTĒ's primary focus has been producing award-winning wines using minimalist techniques, including native fermentation and low oxygenation techniques. EFESTĒ sources its exceptional grapes from the finest regions in Washington, emphasizing single varietals and their Estate vineyards. Experience the culmination of our passion: distinctly Washington, Uniquely EFESTE.



