

THE
BRANDER
VINEYARD



2020 Merlot, Los Olivos District

This Merlot sourced from our estate vineyard and Mesa Verde Vineyard where we utilize the same meticulous vineyard management at both places. Bold and bright this wine offers up plenty of fruit untarnished by any new oak barrels. This 2020 vintage offers gorgeous, pure fruit and presents an attractive, translucent dark ruby in the glass. A nose of fresh strawberry with flavors of cherry and raspberry.

Technical Information:

Cases Produced: 318

Composition: 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Sources: 46% Mesa Verde Vineyard (Merlot),
54% Brander Vineyard, Estate (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc)

Harvest Dates and	09/24 - Mesa Verde Merlot - Brix: 22.9, pH: 3.56
Chemistry at Harvest:	10/06 - Brander Merlot - Brix: 28.0, pH: 3.77
	10/01 - Brander Cabernet Sauvignon - Brix: 22.2, pH: 3.82
	10/09 - Brander Cabernet Franc - Brix: 25.3, pH: 3.88

Alcohol by Volume: 14.2%

Winemaking: Organic Practices in the vineyard (not certified). All grapes were hand harvested. Fruit was destemmed and lightly crushed before fermenting in 1.5 ton bins. Wine was then allowed to age in neutral French and American oak barrels for 17 months followed by 1 month in stainless steel.

Bottling Date: 04/26/22