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# BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

## 2019 LIMITED MERLOT

Dark red with glints of ruby, this fascinating wine shows a nose of black raspberry, tomato leaf, and lemongrass leading to notes of red fruit, roasted red peppers, and Provençal herbs. The finish is savory and complex with macerated blackberries and graphite.

### VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Year(s) Planted</i>	1996 - 1998
<i>Clone(s)</i>	181
<i>Harvest Date(s)</i>	10th of October
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2019's mild weather was very similar to 2018. A significant amount of rainfall compared to previous years was helpful in re-supplying the soil and plants with much needed water. Spring was cool with no major frost events and delayed budbreak by 2 weeks (similar to 2018). We had a good set, and mild summer temperatures allowed for a slow steady growing season that promoted full cane lignification and balanced ripeness of fruit. There were a few heat spikes in September, but they only lasted a few days and returned to normal/cooler temperatures. Harvest started late August and was finished by mid November. 2019 was a very healthy harvest with potential for super high quality wines.

### WINEMAKING

<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted to 3-4 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 46% new and aged for 17 months.
<i>Blend</i>	100% Merlot
<i>Alcohol</i>	15%
<i>pH</i>	3.8
<i>Total Acid</i>	0.57 mg/100mL
<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
<i>Bottle Date</i>	2nd of March 2021

### RELEASE

<i>Cases</i>	359
<i>Release Date</i>	October 2022
<i>SRP</i>	\$75