

2013 Rosé de Merlot, Baehner Fournier Vineyards

Made from one small section of the Baehner-Fournier Vineyard called "Misty", our Rosé de Merlot was lovingly made in one neutral French oak barrel. The Merlot grape is typically revered for its ability to lend mid palate and structure to Bordeaux blends. Made as a rosé, it can express a uniquely deep array of berry flavors and spice qualities. These grapes were de-stemmed into a small fermentor and the juice was allowed to cold soak with the skins for 3 days. The juice was then gently pressed to a neutral French oak barrel and underwent natural yeast fermentation. Three percent Sauvignon Blanc was blended in just prior to bottling, lifting the aromatics and brightening the garnet hue.

Aromas of wild strawberry and Bing cherries jump out of the glass and mild vanilla bean inferences are noted on the nose. On the palate, flavors of red berries blend with nutmeg, sandalwood and Mandarin orange zest. Enjoy this wine with all the bounties of summer or serve it as a casual summer sipper. Try it dressed up to pair with Lobster Bisque.

27 cases bottled

Winemaker- Steve Clifton