



TINHORN CREEK

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Oldfield Reserve Merlot
2016

\$28.99*

* Suggested retail price

	Product code	153213
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	Domestic
	Country	Canada
	Regulated designation	Vintners quality alliance (VQA)
	Region	British Columbia
	Subregion	Okanagan Valley, Black Sage/Osoyoos
	Varietal(s)	Merlot 85%
	Varietal(s)	Cabernet Sauvignon 10%
	Varietal(s)	Petit Verdot 3%
	Varietal(s)	Malbec 1%
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	Color	Red
	Sugar	Dry
	Closure type	Metal screw cap

ABOUT THIS WINERY

Established by the Shaunessy and Oldfield families on the South Okanagan's legendary Golden Mile Bench in 1993, Tinhorn Creek is a very special winegrowing project, comprising 150 acres of spectacular vineyards in two distinct areas, one on either side of the valley. The two vineyards have significantly different soils, exposures, and microclimates. This is a big advantage, providing the opportunity to cultivate a wide range of grape varieties.

TASTING NOTES

Palate is tightly wound still, giving notes of espresso, black licorice and baking spices. After about an hour of air it starts easing up showing off dried fig, dried cherries and fresh plum. Bright acidity gives this full bodied wine some great freshness and carries the finish nicely, with dense but focused tannins. Will benefit from an hours decant and another year or two in bottle.

VITICULTURAL NOTES

The fruit from this wine comes from the highest elevation site on the Black Sage Bench Diamondback vineyard where the berries tend to be smaller and lower yields are natural.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were destemmed partially crushed, with some whole berries left to be pumped to stainless steel tanks for fermentation. This was fermented naturally with no added yeast. These fermentations' are much less vigorous, with a long and slow extraction. The wines were then pressed and racked to French oak barrels (35% new) for malolactic fermentation and ageing. Reserve Merlot blended after 12 months of maturation in oak for 6 months.

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