Château Mercian Merlot, Mariko 2019

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2020 Vintage

IWC Silver 2022

Château Mercian

— Hokushin District, Japan

A well balanced and intense Merlot from Chateau Mercians Mariko vineyard. The Mariko area was territory of Prince of Mariko, son of Kinmei Emperor in the late 6th century.

Production

This wine is made from Koshu, Japan's indigenous wine grape which can be traced back to 1186 when it was discovered growing wild at Katsunama in Yamanashi prefecture. Koshu grapes are grown in the Iwasake District of the Yamanashi Prefecture where the soils gravel and clay with good drainage. Harvest took place from late September to early October. Fermentation in oak barrel at between 18-21„ƒ for approximately 14 days, the wine was aged for 4 months in oak barrel.

Tasting note

The colour is a dark ruby red. The nose is very rich and well-ripened, notes of blackberry, blackcurrant, and strawberry which blend with vanilla notes from the barrel aging, After a pleasant acidity, the wine has powerful, dense tannins that linger on the palate as a long finish along with a rich aroma.

Food Match

Recommended to match with steak with richly seasoned sauce like demi-glace sauce, and also with steak with spicy tasted using herbs and peppers.

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
12x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Natural/Sustainable

Appellation:
Mariko

Winemaker:
Mitsuhiro Anzo

Grape Varieties:
Merlot 100%

Suitable for:
No

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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