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2023 OUTLAW MERLOT

2023 Outlaw Merlot is bit brawny on the attack but simmers down with a little air and epitomizes what is so special about Washington State Merlot: delicious in its youth, ageworthy and utterly world class as it reaches its peak in a generation or so. This vintage of Outlaw shows cherry, blood orange, mint, dark chocolate, sweet smoky oak and walnut on the nose leading to deeply focused fruit flavors of plum, bing cherry, blackberry and graphite all swaddled in fine tannins. Designed to be lovely now and to outlast your expectations...

Food pairing: Lamb burgers with boursin or eggplant and porcini Shepherd's pie

Movie pairing: *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*

FOUNDERS' NOTES

One of the Three Original Wines, **Outlaw** was a single barrel of Merlot from Hedges Vineyard in 2004. The wine was made to honor Kelly's Dad, Dick, who suggested that we start a family business when we found out we were going to be parents. Because Merlot is so damn delicious, we think the producers of the movie *Sideways* should be ashamed.

Grapes 83% Merlot, 17% Malbec

Vineyards Weinbau, Discovery

Appellation Columbia Valley

Aging 67% new French, 22 mos.

Alcohol/TA/pH 14.69%/0.49/3.77

Cases 137

\$55

