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2022 OUTLAW MERLOT

2022 Outlaw Merlot offers a nose of dark chocolate, blackberries, black cherries, baking spices, and a touch of sweet vanilla, followed by deep, rich flavors of black currant, plum, blackberry and more dark chocolate. Firm yet silky tannins ensure this baby will develop for decades. Decant for a couple hours and be amazed at its myriad layers of goodness!

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 Olsen, Discovery, Weinbau, Gamache

Appellation Columbia Valley

Aging 67% new French, 18 mos.

Alcohol/TA/pH 14.5%/0.47/3.82

Cases 143

91 pts. *Wine Enthusiast* (2019)

