

# SCHWEIGER VINEYARDS



## 2016 Merlot



### *Technical Data*

94% Merlot 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

Bottled May 2019  
Enjoy for 15+ years  
14.7% Alcohol

### *Pairing Ideas*

Blue Cheese creations will always win with our Merlot, but the darker saltiness of Chicken Tikka Masala, Sauteed Shiitake Mushrooms, or a juicy Gorgonzola Burger would be delicious, too.

### *Tasting Notes*

Our Merlot has that intense mountain grape quality of a tannic backbone. We add a bit of our Cabernet Sauvignon to this varietal to help it round out, but it's still a mysterious black beauty of a wine. The 2016 has gorgeous characteristics of black and purple fruits, like blackberries and black cherries, dark chocolate truffle, and exotic spices like paprika.



*Winemaker  
Andrew Schweiger*