

# TOWER 15 WINERY | 2020 MERLOT

## ABOUT OUR MERLOT

Our Tower 15, 2020 Merlot features a deep garnet color with classic soft tannins and rich, dark fruit flavors. The grapes for this vintage are sourced from Giffs Vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley, where beautiful Merlot vines were planted in 1978 and have been organically farmed ever since. All grapes were hand sorted and destemmed before they were cold soaked for five days with intermittent punchdowns and pumpovers. During fermentation this wine was punched down up to three times each day until complete. The wine was drained and pressed into a combination of 30% new French oak barrels and 70% neutral French oak barrels. We normally reserve a majority of Merlot for our 'Swell' blend each year, which only leaves a small amount for this single varietal bottling, but this vintage proved to make a beautiful stand alone wine.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark fruits like plums, black cherries, and raspberries combined with dried herbs, vanilla, mocha. Soft and pleasing on the palate, figs, plums and cherry cola are supported by soft tannins and notes of chocolate and cedar.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)** : Giffs Vineyard
- **ABV** : 15.1%
- **AVA** : Los Olivos District
- **VARIETALS** : 100% Merlot
- **PRODUCTION** : 150 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE** : 2010

## ABOUT TOWER 15 WINERY

**To produce powerful, small lot, nuanced wines.**

Tower 15 Winery produces limited bottlings of bold, inspired, varietally-driven wines with grapes purchased from small, family-owned vineyards across California's Central Coast. Our vineyard partners share our commitment to the region, as well as our values for healthy and sustainable farming. From the Central Coast wine-growing region, we are able to source a wide range of high-quality grape varieties resulting in an unprecedented diversity of bottlings for Tower 15. Our customers are able to expand their passport of wine drinking, experiencing diverse and scarce wines typically associated with the wine-growing regions of Europe, all in one sitting. Each Tower 15 wine presents an expert balance of power and nuance.

