



VAN WESTEN VINEYARDS

Verloren 2016 (Dutch Translation: Lost)



Tasting Notes

To err is human, we make mistakes. This wine is one of the best winemaking mistakes I ever made. “Lost” became found. I found 4 barrels of Boothe Rd. Merlot 2016 sitting in new French oak in Oct 2018 which should have already been bottled. It was racked to tank in April giving it a full 2.5 years of oak treatment and bottled May 24th 2019. At first I thought the wood tannins would overpower the fruit and be undrinkable for years to come but what you will find in your glass is completely amazing. A rich, lush and textural hedonistic wine with complex aromas of dried black plum, blackberry, licorice spice, pastry crust, toasty oak, dark chocolate and a fresh twist of mint. The palate is full bodied and powerful with cocoa, nutmeg and shortbread alongside ripe blueberry and blackberry with some violet and chili spice notes on the long, savory finish.

100% Merlot

95 cases produced

\$100

SKU: 71826

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Alcohol: 14.9%

Aged in new French oak barrels for 2.5 years

Vineyard

Name: Boothe Road

Location: Naramata Bench

Soil Type: silt loam surface with thin bands of silty clay loam in the subsoil

Distance from the winery: 2 km

Vines planted in: 1999

Clone(s): 184 on 3309 (Merlot)

Slope & Aspect: south facing slope

Harvest Date: October 11th, 2016