



OCTOBER ONE MERLOT 2021

October One Vineyard produces 100% estate-grown wines from its Loudoun County vineyard in Bluemont. Founded by Bob and Loree Rupy, the winery focuses on small-lot production, hands-on vineyard care, and thoughtful winemaking that allows each varietal and vintage to express its fullest potential with clarity and authenticity.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 season featured a relatively dry spring and warm summer that encouraged early ripening. Moderately wet conditions later in the season shortened hang time, resulting in Merlot with bright aromatics, balanced structure, and clean fruit expression. The vintage delivered freshness and approachability while maintaining varietal character.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Destemmed fruit was fermented in bins with a warm fermentation and a ten-day maceration to extract color and flavor while preserving softness. After fermentation, the wine was aged in French oak to refine texture and integrate structure. The result is a polished, expressive Merlot built for balance and versatility.

TASTING NOTES

Aromatic and fruit-forward, showing bright red cherry and red berry notes from the first pour. The palate is medium-bodied and lush, with clean fruit expression and a gentle hint of oak tannin on the finish. Fresh, approachable, and crowd-pleasing. Awarded **Silver** at the **Loudoun Wine Awards** and **Virginia Governor's Cup**.

APPELLATION	Loudoun County, Virginia
VINEYARDS	Estate Grown, October One Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
FERMENTATION & AGING	10-day maceration. Aged in 75% neutral French Oak and 25% Acacia barrels for 12 months.
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PH	3.77
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.23 g/L



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