



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2022 “Beau Terre Vineyards” Merlot

**Production:** 795 cases

**Composition:** 94% Merlot, 5% Malbec and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyards:** Beau Terroir and Beau Terre

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll and Carneros

**Cooperage:** 20% new French oak

**Alcohol:** 15.4%, TA 5.9, pH 3.66

**Bottling date:** April 3, 2024

**Release date:** Winter 2025

**Release price:** \$58.00

Hill Family Estate takes Merlot quite seriously, and we believe the Merlot grape has an elegance to offer that is different from Cabernet Sauvignon. The Beau Terre Vineyards are centerpieces for Doug Hill’s accumulated viticultural knowledge. From the row spacing to the trellising, the row direction and clones selected, everything has been carefully thought-out to give Merlot its best expression.

### **Winemaker Kari Auringer’s tasting notes:**

The 2022 vintage is a brilliant demonstration of Merlot’s ability to deliver on the promise. Despite some hurdles during the growing season, we created a complex, luscious, well-balanced wine. You’ll find intense fruit on both the nose and the palate, with a full-bodied, smooth and balanced texture. Structured yet plush with dense ripe fruit, warm blackberry and allspice. This stunner finishes with silky, integrated tannins and the potential to age gracefully in the cellar.