

Melqart

**CLASSIFICATION**

DOK Malta – Denominazzjoni ta' Origni Kontrollata

YEAR

2010

VARIETAL/S

Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot of Malta

TASTING NOTES

Melqart has a deep, ruby-red colour; an aroma of ripe berry fruits; and a rich, blackberry flavour with silky tannins and a long finish.

VINTAGE REPORT

Winter weather was regular, the first half experiencing mild temperatures and recording average seasonal rainfall. This created ideal conditions for budburst and later development phases. A longer than normal vegetative phase was combined with a slight delay in grape-ripeness. This helped preserve the vines' aromatic characteristics and favoured the development of soft and delicate tannins.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The name 'Melqart' recalls the Phoenician god of sailors worshipped in Malta during the Punic period.

The Melqart was first released in 1996 (vintage 1995)

Available in 375ml and 750ml.

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2011

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TASTING NOTES

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VINTAGE REPORT

Winter weather was relatively mild with a slightly higher rainfall than usual. The resulting moisture reserves in the soil promoted a balanced budburst and a regular vegetative growth pattern. Summer weather and sunshine enabled a normal ripening of grapes and the production of aromatic wines and satisfactory tannin content.

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A Limited Release of 140 Magnum bottles of this vintage has been released in November 2014.

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2012

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VINTAGE REPORT

Although winter temperatures were colder than normal, rainfall was average. The slightly larger bunches than normal were offset by an earlier ripening of the grapes. This vintage demonstrated that, despite the warm microclimate, grapes can achieve an optimal ripening level – bouquet-wise and palate-wise, thanks to the vineyard's proximity to the sea.

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2013

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VINTAGE REPORT

Winter recorded normal temperature and rainfall levels. Budburst started during the first week of March and shoot development progressed evenly throughout the season. The slow, constant ripening of the grapes produced wines with a distinct varietal character.

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2014

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VINTAGE REPORT

This vintage confirmed all those weather conditions that characterize the atmosphere of our small Mediterranean island. Precipitation and temperatures have gone hand in hand respecting the seasonal average. This has resulted in a regular and uniform shooting of the plants in the spring, which subsequently allowed a balanced vegetative growth during the entire season. There has been an increase in production over the previous years and a slower maturation over a longer period of time. These ideal conditions surrounded by the presence of the sea have confirmed expectations that are expressed through fresh and well balanced wines, characterized by a lively aromatic bouquet.

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2015

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VINTAGE REPORT

This vintage was characterized by a very wet winter, which has helped have a good water retention in the soil to guarantee regular sprouting. The spring temperatures have been similar to the seasonal averages and this has favored a normal succession of vegetation growth. In summer maturation was slow and has continued throughout the month of August and compared to the previous there has been a slight drop in yield. All this is expressed through wines which are particularly rich in aromas with classic olfactory notes that remind us of their territory, elegance and a long finish on the palate.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

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2016

VARIETAL/S

Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot of Malta

TASTING NOTES

Melqart has a deep, ruby-red colour; an aroma of ripe berry fruits with spiced notes; and a rich, blackberry flavour with silky tannins and a long finish.

VINTAGE REPORT

This vintage was characterized by the very little rainfall. Temperatures were in line with seasonal averages, except for winter which was slightly warmer. Due to the high temperatures in January and February sprouts occurred slightly earlier than in the previous year. Because of the little rain and excessive heat on the island, the grapes matured in advance but despite this, we have obtained good productions for all the varieties in our vineyards. Having invested a lot of time in the vineyard, managing the foliage of the plants and maximizing the water in the soil, we have achieved some very good wines, which despite the warm weather, all in all, are very fresh, well balanced characterized by lively aromas in the whites and deep intense colors in the reds.

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2017

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VINTAGE REPORT

The 2017 harvest was one of the most advanced (early ripening of grapes) in recent years, with the vintage being characterized by a very hot summer with practically no rains. The white grapes resisted the very warm temperatures without much problems expressing very good quality, while the relief irrigations favored the red grape varieties, resulting in an excellent phenolic ripeness.

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2018

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VINTAGE REPORT

The 2018 vintage was characterized by the constant rainfalls registered in spring. This made it quite challenging, but at the end, grape production was abundant. Excellent work and control on the white grape varieties, and the thorough selection on the red grape varieties have given the desired quality and balance to the wines.

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2019

VARIETAL/S

Cabernet & Merlot of Malta

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VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 vintage was characterized by low temperatures during the budding period which slowed down the entire vegetative cycle. The abundant spring rains produced an excess of vegetation which resulted into a lower production, which was less than average when compared to previous years, but the grapes were of higher quality.

The wines have fragrant olfactory notes and also optimal physiological maturity, characteristics that have given a nice balance to all the wines produced during this vintage.

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