

**CHECKMATE
 ARTISANAL WINERY**

\$85.00

* Suggested retail price

**Opening Gambit
 Merlot 2014**

	Product code	14167194
	Licensee price	\$73.93
	Format	3x750ml
	Listing type	Private import
	Status	Not available
	Type of product	Table Wine
	Country	Canada
	Regulated designation	VQA
	Region	British Columbia
	Appellation	British Columbia
	Classification	VQA
	Varietal(s)	Merlot 100 %
	Alcohol percentage	15.00%
	Color	Red
	Sugar	Very Dry 0-5 gm sugar-L
	Closure type	CORK-Other
	Total acidity	6.3 g/l
	PH	3.62



- 93 Points -
 Wine Spectator

ABOUT THIS WINERY

The von Mandl family began their journey over 40 years ago. The first sign of the real potential of the vineyards came in 1994 with a surprise win at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London for 'Top Chardonnay in the World.' The family has developed exceptional vineyards with distinctive Chardonnay and Merlot clones, some of which are now over 40 years old, at what are now CheckMate Artisanal Winery vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

An elegant nose of blackcurrant and black fruits with creamy undertones and floral notes. The palate is charming, with dark, ripe fruits, supple tannins and well integrated oak.

PRODUCT NOTES

The sandy Osoyoos Complex soils found adjacent to the US-Canadian border combine with steep and undulating exposures, to produce pristine, ripe fruit that forms the basis of this stylish wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermentation is 100% wild with extended skin contact. Barrel aged in 100% new French oak for 21 months.