

# BITNER VINEYARDS

## 2020 DRY ROSE

### *Merlot*

*Estate Vineyard - Snake River Valley, Idaho*  
*The Worker Bee Collection*

The blue orchard bee is a particular favorite of Dr. Ron Bitner, who focused on it for his master's thesis at Purdue University in the 1970s. This little metallic blue-colored bee, rendered here by artist Felicia Weston, is also a remarkably proficient pollinator of the fruit trees native to our area, making it a most deserving addition to our Worker Bee Collection.

Please visit [www.crownbees.com](http://www.crownbees.com) for more information and resources the importance of bees and other pollinators.

### Tasting Notes

Our dry rosé of Merlot offers delicate aromas of white peach and rose petals, with strawberry and citrus blossom on the palate. The bright, vibrant flavors linger on the finish.

**Wine Makers:** James Nederend & Martin Fujishin

**Varietal:** Merlot

**Vineyard:** Bitner Vineyards

**Appellation:** Snake River Valley, Idaho

**Alcohol:** 13.2%

**Residual Sugar:** 1.5%

**Production:** 64 cases

**Price:** \$24 / Member \$20.40

### Perfect Pairings

Served chilled, this versatile, medium-bodied dry rosé is a lively companion to charcuterie platters, vegetable terrines, and grilled chicken or salmon.



### Additional Information on the Blue Orchard Bee

Some bees are so adept at pollinating fruit trees that they are known as orchard bees. The blue orchard bee or *Osmia lignaria*, is especially prized for its efficiency and is one of the few native pollinators that is managed in agriculture. It is a solitary mason bee, so called because it doesn't live in colonies as honeybees do, but rather in individually constructed nests of mud (or "masonry"). Because there is no colony to support or honey to produce, the pollen they collect mostly stays with them, making much more available for transfer during pollination.

For more information about this bee go to <https://crownbees.com> on how to order and take care of them.