



ESTATE GROWN

2017 CABERNET MERLOT

Sometimes a wine is greater than the sum of its parts. We tasted hundreds of barrels one by one, thoughtfully blending to capture the best of two vineyards. The summer sun shines on our Haynes Creek vineyard until well after 10 pm, soaking grapes in heat for hours, producing dark berries with ripe tannins. In contrast, our Desert Ridge vineyard is much cooler and delivers fruit that is vibrant and fresh.

A wet spring led to a later start, however, the 2017 season was hotter and more compressed than normal. The season brought smaller berry size, clusters and yields. Fruit quality was excellent, characterized by high flavour concentration, moderate alcohol, balanced tannins, complexity and natural acidity.

TASTING NOTES

This of blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc has notes of black cherry, spice, plum and leather. Fine tannins, juicy, and well structured.

HARVEST DATE

October 4 – 30, 2017

BLEND

42% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc,
19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec

FERMENTATION

28 days in stainless steel

AGING

18 months in French oak barrels

BOTTLING DATE

July 29 – 31, 2019

CASES PRODUCED

4,726

CELLARING

Cellar through 2022

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA

6.7 g/l

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.25 g/l

PH

3.55