

2017

Estate

Cabernet Franc Merlot

68% CABERNET FRANC
32% MERLOT

Select barrels of two different varieties were chosen from across our Estate vineyards to create a distinct and full-bodied red wine. Our 2017 blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot is a true expression of the South Okanagan's unique terroir, showcasing aromas of cherry blossom and a savoury vegetal reduction. Ripe black plum and fine grain tannins carry through an impressively long and fresh finish.

Estate Vineyards

The Estate Cabernet Franc Merlot comes from two of our Estate vineyards: Becker vineyard on the Black Sage bench and Kobau vineyard on the Golden Mile bench. Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage bench while the southerly aspect of the Kobau vineyard allow the vines to bask in the early morning sun. On gravelly soils, wines from this vineyard are known for being mineral-driven, well structured, with a balanced ripeness and fresh acidity.

The Vintage

2017 growing season got off to a slow start with bud break occurring nearly two weeks later than average. But this was followed by a hot and dry summer that really allowed the grapes to fully ripen. This was also a year of reduced yields however, it resulted in small, concentrated berries that produced wines of pronounced depth and intensity.

VINTAGE
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HARVEST DATE
September 29 -
October 19

MATURATION
19 months in French oak

BOTTLING DATE
August 2019

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.4 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.0%

TOTAL ACIDITY
6.1 g/L

pH
3.9

