

2017

Merlot

KOBAU VINEYARD

100% MERLOT

The 2017 vintage is our first release from this famed vineyard located on the Golden Mile bench. This Merlot has a foundation of ripe red fruits and black cherry preserves, minerality and juicy tannins.

Awards

94 Points - David Lawrason, winealign.com

Kobau Vineyard

The southerly aspect of the Kobau Vineyard on the Golden Mile Bench 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.

ESTABLISHED
2005

ACRES
45

SOIL
Rutland Sandy Loam

ELEVATION
332-389m

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
2017

HARVEST DATE
September 27-October 12

MATURATION
20 months in French oak,
75% new

FERMENTATION
Partially barrel fermented

BOTTLING DATE
August 2019

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.6 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY
6.5 g/L

pH
3.8

