

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 2017 Estate Cabernet Franc Merlot is a thoughtful blend that comes from our Estate vineyards on the Black Sage bench and Golden Mile bench. Seductive notes of violets and dark cherries mingle together with a subtle hint of baking spices. On the palate, the Cabernet Franc brings savoury and earthy notes that are enhanced by dark cocoa flavours. Velvety tannins provide a soft mouthfeel and a long lingering finish. This wine will age effortlessly. Drink now or age up to 5-8 years.

## 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

