

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

### 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

44.3

SOIL

Sand and gravel

ELEVATION

330-390m

### 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

AGING POTENTIAL

8-10 years

