

2018

## Estate

Merlot

100% MERLOT

To create a classic South Okanagan Merlot, we selected blocks of fruit that displayed great varietal expression from our estate vineyards on the Black Sage Bench and Golden Mile Bench. Our 2018 Merlot showcases violets and dark plums on the nose with a hint of oak spice and vanilla. A fruity and textured mid-palate with elegant and fine tannins lead the way to a long and memorable finish.

## The Vineyards

This wine comes from our Estate vineyards located on the Black Sage Bench and Golden Mile Bench. Our vineyards on the Black Sage Bench produce finessed, elegant wines while the southerly aspect of our Golden Mile Bench 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

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique conditions experienced during the growing season, nevertheless a promising one.



VINTAGE

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HARVEST DATE

October 12 - 24

MATURATION

18 months in French oak,  
36% new

BOTTLING DATE

August 18th, 2020

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.4 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.0%

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.2 g/L

pH

3.7

AGING POTENTIAL

5-8 years