



TA: 0.57 g/100mL

PH: 3.76

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 99% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION:

1403

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2017 Limited Release Block 9 Merlot

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- The lower temperatures delayed ripening and helped to retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 93% of the fruit was sourced from the Wahluke Slope, one of the warmest regions in Washington state that creates big and bold wines.
- The remaining 7% was sourced from Horse Heaven Hills AVA.
- Our most northern growing area, the Wahluke Slope is bordered on both sides by the Columbia River and to the north by the Saddle Mountains.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and sorted with a cutting-edge grape receiving and separation system designed to gently remove fruit.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 21 months in 75% new French and 9% new American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

This Block 9 Merlot is unreserved in expression yet retains freshness and balance. Aromas soar from the glass bringing lush black and blue fruits intertwined with sweet baking spices. The palate is splendidly textured, displaying a dense bramble of ripe fruit that gives way to a long, resounding finish. – Tristan Butterfield