



ESTATE GROWN

2017 MERITAGE

Early in the morning, Anarchist Mountain casts its long shadow over our Haynes Creek vineyard, cooling the vines until the sun bursts over the mountain's ridge. As the day unfolds, blowing dust coats our boots and clothing as midsummer heat radiates up from the dry ground. This contrast of dark and light, cold and heat, blesses us with a harmony of black currant and plum characters in this blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc.

A wet spring led to a later start, however, the 2017 season was hotter and more compressed than normal. The season brought smaller berry size, clusters and yields. Fruit quality was excellent, characterized by high flavour concentration, moderate alcohol, balanced tannins, complexity and natural acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe, dark fruit, black currant, blackberries on the palate, supported by a brightness, freshness. Reminiscent of a dark berry pie.

HARVEST DATE

October 4 – 30, 2017

BLEND

42% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec, 13% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

30 days in stainless steel

AGING

18 months in French oak barrels

BOTTLING DATE

August 1 & 6, 2019

CASES PRODUCED

897

CELLARING

Cellar through 2025

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA

6.6 g/l

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.8 g/l

PH

3.61