



ESTATE GROWN
2017 MERLOT

Our Desert Ridge vineyard wreaks havoc on vineyard tools. Round river rocks and heavy soils make for rough terrain. Despite these challenges, it's one of our favourite sites. Why? Because the unforgiving land forces our vines to work hard and dig deep for water, and the rocks soak up the afternoon sun, radiating the heat back to the vines at night.

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

Brimming with notes of forest floor, violets, and pepper on the nose. Bright, juicy mouthfeel. Fine tannins. Long finish.

HARVEST DATE	September 31 – October 16, 2017		
BLEND	93% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec		
FERMENTATION	28 days in stainless steel		
AGING	18 months in French oak barrels		
BOTTLING DATE	July 18 – 26, 2019		
CASES PRODUCED	4,210		
CELLARING	Cellar through 2022		
ALCOHOL	14.5%	TA	6.9 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.91 g/l	PH	3.57