



ESTATE GROWN

2018 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.

Above average growing degree days in the spring contributed to an early budbreak. Cooler days and evenings arrived in August, which slowed down the ripening of the grapes and allowed for greater flavour development while retaining freshness and acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Plum and dried fruits dominate the nose. Elegant on the palate with cranberries, plums and earthy characters leading into a soft and generous finish.

HARVEST DATE	September 29 – November 1, 2018		
BLEND	92% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc		
FERMENTATION	28 days in stainless steel		
AGING	15 months in French oak barrels		
CELLARING	Enjoy now or cellar through 2023		
ALCOHOL	14.5%	TA	6.3 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.40 g/l	PH	3.64