



ESTATE GROWN

2020 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, and Cabernet Franc.

The 2020 growing season kicked off with periods of unusually cold and wet weather, which carried over into the early spring and contributed to a marginal fruit set. The cool spring progressed to a beautiful Okanagan summer, with consistently warm weather without any severe heat spikes. Perfect fall conditions followed, with warm days, minimal precipitation, and cool nights, producing beautifully balanced wines with intense fruit character.

TASTING NOTES

Blackberry, plum, and cherry, combined with cooking herbs. Nice ripe tannin with a surprising freshness. A long finish. This wine will age beautifully.

HARVEST DATE	October 6-19, 2020		
BLEND	83% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec		
FERMENTATION	100% French Oak Barrels		
AGING	Stainless Steel. Blended in August and returned to barrel until February 2020		
CELLARING	Enjoy now or cellar through 2026		
ALCOHOL	14.5%	TA	6.3 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.0 g/l		