



ESTATE GROWN

## 2021 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 Franc, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

An extremely dry, warm start to the year with a cool and wet spell in early June. Unprecedented midsummer heat leading to the earliest start of harvest on record and the highest number of growing degree days on record.

### TASTING NOTES

*Plum, spice, and purple fruits with a hint of leafy, tobacco notes. The palate shows nice density and structure while maintaining a certain degree of elegance.*

### HARVEST DATE

September 30 – October 14, 2021

### BLEND

55% Merlot

29% Cabernet Franc

9% Malbec

7% Cabernet Sauvignon

### FERMENTATION

100% fermentation in 100% stainless steel

### AGING

Fifteen months in French oak

### CELLARING

Enjoy now or cellar through 2027

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

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6.5 g/l

### RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.8 g/l