

Merlot

2017

Blend: 80% Merlot, 20% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15% abv **TA:** 5.7 g/L **pH:** 3.82

Case Production: 455 cases

Date Bottled: 4/30/19

Grape Source(s):

Merlot - Red Mountain AVA, WA

Merlot - Boushey Vineyard - Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Petite Sirah - Bartolucci Vineyard - Red Hills Lake County, CA

Aging: 17 months in oak barrels:

37% new French, 11% new American, 47% 1 year French, 5% neutral

Winemaker Notes: The 2017 vintage in Washington state was marked by a significant cooling trend in late September that lasted for the remainder of harvest. The delay in ripening provided the luxury of extended hang time and prompted both gradual and even ripening. While our Red Mountain and Yakima Merlot were harvested nearly a month apart, both obtained peak ripeness. With the addition of our robust Lake County Petite Sirah for structure and backbone, this is not a Merlot for the faint of heart.

Tasting Notes: Crafted in the New World style, our Merlot is dark, powerful, and richly concentrated.

Awards:

Platinum - 2020 Wine Press Northwest

Double Gold - 2021 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Gold - 2020 Cascadia Wine Competition

Gold - 2020 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Pairing Suggestions:

- Mediterranean lamb
- Grilled wagyu beef with blue cheese butter - Herb roasted chicken
- Cheese: Gouda, Havarti, and Monterey Jack



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