

MONTE CREEK

— WINERY —

2018

CABERNET MERLOT

THE WINE

A combination of Okanagan (62 percent) and Similkameen (38 percent) fruit, this Cabernet Merlot was aged in French and American oak for 18 months, of which 20 percent was new. An attractive nose of juicy plum, orange peel and subtle spice shows through, with some dark chocolate. It is full-bodied with abundant ripe and polished tannins. This is balanced by rich plum and black cherry fruit, enhanced by blackberry and subtle baking spice notes. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

The fruit and substantial structure stand up beautifully to smoked ribs, bison burgers or pork souvlaki.

THE VINTAGE

Bud break occurred around the long-term average in early May and June's flowering process was right on track, taking place during the first and second week. We had plenty of heat in the first half of June and unlike 2018, we were thankful for a relatively smoke-free growing season, though 2019 ended up being a cool year overall.

Alcohol	Residual Sugar	pH	Total Acidity
14.3%	0.3 g/L	3.63	6.4 g/L



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