

# 2016 Reserve Merlot

## Wine Specs

Vintage: 2016  
Varietal: Merlot  
Harvest Date: August-Sept. 2017  
Harvest Brix: 24-26.5 Brix  
Aging: 14 months in American and French oak barrels  
Bottling Date: November, 2017  
Residual Sugars: Dry - 0.5 g/L  
Alcohol: 13.8%  
Case Production: 8500 6-pack cases  
Packaging:

Date Added to Vin65:

Date Added to Ship Compliant:

Bar Code:

\*Pricing\*

Retail:

Wholesale:

Employee:

## Vineyard Notes

A combination of three of our contract Texas High Plains vineyards and our estate vineyard were used to produce this Reserve Merlot. The culture of Merlot in Texas, though not easy to farm, produces some of the most concentrate fruit in any American Wine Region. From the heavy canopy for shade in the heat of the summer to pulling leafs three weeks before harvest to insure even ripening – our Merlot cultivation is one of detail, bringing to you a well-balanced and rich wine.

## Tasting Notes

ON THE NOSE: Rich jammy fruit with earth, violets and vanilla

ON THE PALATE: Cassis, red fruit, tobacco and tannin with lingering fruit on the finish

FOOD PAIRINGS: Rack of Lamb, roasted squash, cream based soups, wild game

Enjoy now or Hold 3-5 years