



ESTATE GROWN

## 2019 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.

2019 was up until September, near picture perfect. Warm days, but not too warm, cool nights, but not too cool, set the ripening process on a trajectory of ideal balance. With September came cool weather and some rainfall, but with careful attention to sorting and managing harvest dates, we feel our hard work paid off with wines of ideal balance and intense fruit character. In particular, the lively acidities have produced wines which are bright and fresh.

### TASTING NOTES

*Dark fruit on the nose with deep blackberry and plum characters. On the palate, deep and round with fine and ripe tannin. Juicy and supple.*

### HARVEST DATE

October 9 - October 19, 2021

### BLEND

76.5% Merlot, 13.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

### FERMENTATION

28 days in stainless steel

### AGING

12 months in French Oak Barrels

### CELLARING

Enjoy now or cellar through 2025

### ALCOHOL

14.5%	TA	6.1 g/l
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### RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.1 g/l	PH	3.65
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