



GORDON

Estate

Block 3 Merlot

2015 ESTATE GROWN ~ KAMIAK VINEYARD ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA



91 points + Gold ~ 2019 San Francisco Int'l Wine Competition

VINEYARD

- The estate vineyard is south-facing and is perched some 620 feet above sea level.
- The vineyard has excellent air drainage and benefits from the rivers moderating influence.
- The vines are sometimes blanketed by snow in the winter, but spring and summer offers sunshine and warmth allowing the grapes to ripen completely.
- Temperatures during the growing season can fluctuate from 95 degrees Fahrenheit during the day to 55 degrees at night.
- Vines are grown on their own rootstock yielding 'true' grape varieties. Typical vine spacing is 6' by 10' using a Vertical Shoot Positioning trellis system.
- The vineyard is amply supplied for irrigation when needed.

VINTAGE

The 2015 kicked off with a mild Winter and early Spring that jump started the growing season in Eastern Washington. Couple that with the hottest Summer on record and the result was the earliest harvest start to date. Three weeks earlier than average, bud break occurred on the 20th of March and we were already enjoying consistent daily highs in the mid 70s. Like 2014 the heat built quick from there and by mid-May we saw our first day over 100 degrees. Summer was dry and hot, the hottest on record and with that harvest arrived as we picked the first of our Chardonnay on August 26. As we rolled into September the summer heat gave way to a wonderfully dry and warm fall that carried us through until harvests end on October 26th. That cooling trend allowed our reds extra hang time to develop and refine tannin structure and deepen flavor profiles.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromas of Figs and baking spice invite you to try more of this elegant wine. Flavors of fresh figs and black raspberries mingle with a bright acidity that is lean enough to cut through any fatty meats you pair with. The finish is both mineral and herbal. A great representation of 2015 Merlot.

COMPOSITION:

81% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Verdot, 1% Malbec

- OAK PROGRAM:** 23 months in 44% new American oak barrels
- pH:** 3.8
- TA:** 5.9g / 100mL
- ALCOHOL:** 13.5%
- PRODUCTION:** 205 cases
- BOTTLED:** Aug 2017