

2017 Gordon Estate Merlot



COMPOSITION: 80% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley, WA

Fermentation: Fruit was picked in the morning, crushed and sent directly into open top fermenters. Cap was punched down by hand two times a day until dry. After pressing wine was transferred to oak barrels to complete primary and Malolactic fermentation.

Aging: 22 Months in 100% neutral French oak

Winemaker notes: This Merlot shows intense aromatics of fresh, ripe raspberry and blueberry. The generous palate is well-structured with crushed ripe berries, vanilla and leather that linger among silky smooth tannins for a pleasing finish.

Chemistry at bottling:

Alcohol by volume	13.8%
titratable acidity	5.9 g/L
pH	3.83 g/L