



GORDON  
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2017 Gordon Estate  
Reserve Merlot



**Composition:** 83% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot

**Appellation:** Columbia Valley, WA

**Fermentation:** Fruit picked in the morning, crushed, and sent directly to open-top stainless-steel fermenters. The cap was punched down twice daily until dry. After pressing wine, was transferred to barrels to complete primary and Malolactic fermentation.

**Aging:** 100% Barrel aged in combination of semi-neutral oak

**Winemaker notes:** This Merlot wine has a dense boysenberry hue with notes of wet earth, cassis, crème brûlée, cocoa, and black spice. The palate has a discernable acidity to it that gives this wine a sense of life on the tongue. Dark flavors of brambly mulberries, fig jam and wet stone rest firmly on the tongue and acquiesce to a cohesive finish of roasted coffee beans, dried forest fruits, and chocolate. Upon opening, this wine needs some time to breath which will allow the aroma and flavor to become more profound.

**Chemistry at bottling:**

Alcohol by volume	14.6 %
titratable acidity	5.1 g/L
pH	3.98 g/L