

## 2017 Estate Merlot VQA

**CERTIFICATION:** Organic - ProCert. Biodynamic  
Suitable for vegans & vegetarians.

**IN THE VINEYARD:**

Appellation: VQA Four Mile Creek  
Harvested: October, 2017

**IN THE WINERY:**

Alcohol: 12.6%  
Residual Sugar: <3 g/L  
pH 3.36  
TA 6.74 g/l  
Closure: Cork

Hand harvested from our estate vineyard in Four Mile creek from old vines planted in 2004 and young vines planted in 2014. Micro cuvees were fermented wild in “open top barrels” and left on skins for 21 days reaching temperatures of 27 to 30 C for 12 hours at the peak of fermentation. After pressing the wines were returned to the same barrels with heads intact. These were aged for 18 months in 50% new oak and then selected barrels were blended to create this 100% Merlot, single vineyard varietal wine.

**IN THE GLASS:**

Medium ruby in color, this wine delivers aromas of damson plum and dark chocolate. A medium bodied wine with juicy, black raspberry flavour and some cranberry notes that keep this wine fresh. Smooth tannins coat the palate for a wine that is enjoyable now but will develop over years to come.

