



2015 Merlot

TASTING NOTES

This medium-bodied wine exhibits a silky, rounded palate of blackberry, dried blueberry, plum and dark chocolate, leaving you with lingering hints of vanilla and thyme. Our Merlot pairs well with hearty tomato based pasta, roasted duck, and lightly spiced meat.

HARVEST OVERVIEW

Lightning struck twice in Oregon's burgeoning wine region with the 2015 growing season matching the near perfect 2014 vintage with beautiful fruit and bountiful yields. Bud break in March lead to full bloom by the end of May and the region saw nearly ideal weather conditions through late summer with very little rain. The fruit hung on the vines longer than usual and enjoyed a return to more typically cool September nights, which allowed clusters to reach full ripening potential with a beautiful balance of high sugar and acidity that gives great concentration to the wine. Harvest was both early and smooth, for the second year in a row. Wines produced in this vintage exhibit exceptional texture, balance, and intensity.

WINE ANALYSIS

Appellation : Applegate Valley
Varietal Composition : Merlot
Harvest Date : September 19, 2015 &
October 3, 2015
Vineyard Sources : Serra Vineyards &
Gentry Vineyards
Bottling Date : August 25, 2016
Case Production : 695 Cases
Cooperage/Cellar Treatment : 9 months in French Oak

pH : 3.64 | TA : 6.1 g/L | Alcohol : 13.2%