



2012 Meritage Estate

TASTING NOTES

This bold wine is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Rich aromas of raspberry, cranberry, and black current and are balanced with flavors of dark cherry, black current and dark berries with hints of cocoa, sweet tobacco, leather, spice and vanilla. This wine has a great mouth feel, smooth but firm tannins and a long lingering finish—the perfect “Wednesday night wine.”

FOOD PAIRING

Shepherd's Pie
Pizza piled high
Pappardelle with Veal Ragu, rich tomato sauce
Grilled Lamb Chops

WINEMAKING

De-stemmed and crushed
Fermentation kept between 20 °C and 25 °C
15 months in French & American barrels
75% French, 25% American; 40% new oak
Bottle aged for 14 months
All fractions kept separate until bottling, then blended

HARVEST

Sourced entirely from Noble Ridge Vineyard in Okanagan Falls.
All hand-picked.

STATS

Varietal: 71.4% Merlot,
26% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2.1% cabernet Franc,
2.1% Malbec
Harvest Date:
Oct 5-6, Oct 24-25
Brix at Harvest: 23.5
Acid: 6.2
pH: 3.61
Residual Sugar: 1.5
Alcohol %: 13.9

