

2016 Reserve Meritage

Vineyard: Noble Ridge, 34 Acres, Okanagan Falls, British Columbia, Canada

Slopes: south, north

Soil: Glacial fluvial deposits - sand, gravel and rock

The soils, climate, altitude, wind patterns, etc. of Okanagan Falls are distinct from other parts of the valley; The Okanagan Valley has recently received a sub-GI designation.

Clones: Merlot - clone 118 (planted in 1986), unknown (planted in 1999), Cab Sauv - unknown (planted in 1986, one of the oldest block of Cab Sauv in the Valley)

Viticulture: Geneva Double Curtain (GDC), Vertical Shoot Position (VSP)

WINEMAKING

De-stemmed and crushed Fermentation kept between 25 °C and 28 °C 15 months in French & American barrels 75% French, 25% American; 40% new oak. Bottle aged prior to release

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 59 Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cab Franc, 2% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.5% Residual Sugar: 2.8

pH: 3.65 TA: 6.6 Brix: 25

Harvest Date: October 28, 2016

Cases: **768** SKU: 219769

