

# MONTE CREEK

— R A N C H —

2015

## MERLOT RESERVE

### THE FACTS

Alcohol	14.8 %
Residual sugar	2.4 g/L
pH	3.66
Tartaric acid	6.0 g/L

### NOTES FROM THE WINEMAKER

Our limited run of Merlot Reserve (we only made 44 cases) was crafted from a very special lot of grapes from the Similkameen Valley. Bright raspberry jam, licorice, and floral aromas are framed by vanilla and toasty French oak. The round mid palate is accentuated by flavours of plum and cocoa powder, with fine tannin and medium body. Drink 2018 through 2025.

### THE VINTAGE

An early budbreak, followed by one of the hottest years in BC history, led to the earliest recorded grape harvest. We began picking some of our grapes in August, a full month ahead of schedule. 2015 was all about trying to slow things down. Luckily, our cool South Thompson nights helped us to retain plenty of acidity and freshness in our white wines. Meanwhile, the intense heat created some of the most concentrated and deeply coloured red wines we have ever produced.

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