



2019 MERITAGE “ALLUVIAL GAP”

Dry Creek Valley

HISTORY

This exquisite Meritage was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varietals planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Five decades of experience have provided the knowledge of which properties can provide the best fruit our region can offer. This delicious blend features fruit from specific vineyard sites within the Lytton Springs district of Dry Creek Valley, including our iconic Endeavour Vineyard.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season — fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The blend is led by Cabernet Sauvignon, with three additional Bordeaux varietals for complexity and depth. At first swirl, the wine displays powerful aromas of black currant, plum and blueberry. Several more minutes reveal hints of black and white pepper, fennel and rose petal. The palate is full and rich with flavors of black cherry and blackberry, with notes of coriander, thyme and fine leather. The tannins are fine yet firm, with a round, plush texture and a rich, lingering finish.



BLEND

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
16% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

11-17 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

19 months in French & Hungarian oak;
43% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.3%

BRIX | 25.7

PH | 3.68

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

October 11–23, 2019

VINE AGE | 18–20 years

SOILS

Gravelly, clay loam

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre