

# SEXTANT 2016 ESTATE MERLOT



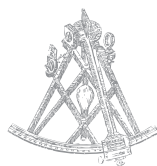
**APPELLATION:** Estate RBZ Vineyard

**WINEMAKING:** This hand-crafted Estate Merlot showcases the beauty of this varietal by allowing it to express its natural flavors. Fruit sourced entirely from our Estate Vineyard in the El Pomar District of Paso Robles. This Merlot has been aged for 18 months in 20% new French and American oak.

**TASTING NOTES:** Demand remains high for the Sextant Merlot. Limber and nimble tannins frame smooth layers of ripe plums, cherries, and strawberries. Hints of blueberries and cranberries along with hickory-oak signatures add dimension and delectable contours. The glossy finish tapers effortlessly, lingering on the nose and palate. Be it Bolognese, Francese, Foriana, or Marinara, it's versatile with savory sauces over poultry, pasta, seafood, or vegetables. This wine has amazing range and depth.

<b>TECHNICAL NOTES:</b>	pH - 3.57
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .038
Total Acidity - .61g	Alcohol - 14.6%

**SUGGESTED AGING:** Enjoy now or cellar through 2023



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