

SEXTANT 2018 ESTATE MERLOT



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

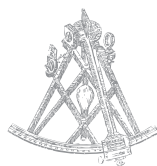
WINEMAKING: This once underappreciated varietal is making a comeback, and our RBZ Vineyard has the perfect climate for growing Merlot! Hand picked and then fermented on the skins for two weeks, we pump this Merlot over twice per day during fermentation to extract maximum color and aromatics. This vintage was aged in 20% new French oak for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES: This elegant Merlot opens with alluring aromas of dried cranberries, vanilla, holiday spices, and coconut. Flavors of cherry pie and semi-sweet chocolate with hints of pomegranate unfold on the palate. The supple tannins develop into a soft, silky finish complimented with lively acidity. 350 cases produced.

TECHNICAL NOTES:	pH - 3.68
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .002g/100mL
Total Acidity - .608g/100mL	Alcohol - 14.6%

VARIETALS: 77% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2028



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