

SEXTANT 2019

ESTATE MERLOT



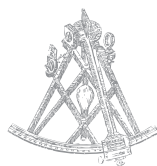
APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

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 delicious Merlot opens with alluring aromas of raspberry, vanilla, star anise, and cinnamon. Flavors of ripe Ruby Red apple and cherry pie, along with hints of baking chocolate, unfold beautifully on the palate. The tannins are upfront but not overbearing and develop into a velvety finish. 329 cases produced.

TECHNICAL NOTES:	pH - 3.54
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .037g/100mL
Total Acidity - .54g/100mL	Alcohol - 14.8%

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2029



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