

PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

2017 MERLOT

A seamless Merlot packed full of dense flavor including black cherry, plum, milk chocolate, wild strawberry and toasted almond. This wine is all about balanced intensity, with fruit and texture galore to mirror its firm but velvety mountain tannins.

The 2017 growing season was generally mild until early-September, when a heat wave pushed the mercury up to near 105° F for several days. This gave our vines a jump-start and allowed us to harvest our eight merlot blocks between September 7th and October 7th. After an average of 20 days on the skins, the wine lots were gently pressed and racked to French oak barrels, 40% new, for a total of 14 months. Our 100% merlot base blend was assembled after the first 10 months in barrel, while the finishing touch of 4% cabernet sauvignon was added the following spring.



PROFILE

Appellation:	91% Napa 9% Sonoma
Vintage:	2017
Harvest:	October 2017
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	96% Merlot 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.4%
Bottling:	April 2019
Production:	4443
Release Date:	August 2019
Retail Price:	\$62.00