



## COLUMBIA VALLEY

### 2017 Indian Wells Merlot

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were lower than the previous two vintages.
- The cooler temperatures delayed ripening and helped to retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- This Merlot is sourced from Eastern Washington vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills and the Wahluke Slope, as well as our Cold Creek Vineyard.
- Vineyards were selected for producing high quality, ripe fruit, yielding wine with intense color and flavor.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were destemmed and sorted to gently handle fruit and remove any green material, allowing for more pure, concentrated fruit expression.
- Gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color, and minimize harsh tannins.
- Aged for 18 months in 28% new American and 5% new French oak barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES

Sourced from warm vineyard sites, Indian Wells wines showcase a signature fruit-forward, mouth-filling style. Intensely ripe and boldly flavored, this velvety Merlot is packed with jammy blackberry fruit and scented with vanilla highlights.

TA: 0.56 g/100mL

PH: 3.78

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

89% Merlot, 10% Syrah, 1% Viognier