



R COLLECTION MERLOT 2017



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.71

TA: 5.5 g/L

Appellation: California

IN THE VINEYARD

The R Collection Merlot is sourced from the finest vineyards throughout California, with each area adding a unique layer into the overall taste profile. Minimally intrusive winemaking techniques allow the true California terroir to shine through in every glass poured and bottle enjoyed.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend. The hot year did ensure that the vast majority of fruit was off the vines when the Wine Country wildfires broke out on October 8, 2017.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2017 R Collection Merlot opens with alluring aromas of baked plums and delicate floral notes of Violet. In the glass, this plush Merlot offers flavors of raspberry, plum and Bing cherries with hints of earthiness. This is a well-structured wine with fine-grained tannins and a long, satisfying finish.