



## MERITAGE RESERVE

LILLOOET BC VQA

2021

SKU: 137588

### VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

In June 2021, we recorded the highest temperature (48c) ever. After the heat wave, the weather cooled down with more than average rain throughout the growing season. Our reds enjoyed nice long hanging time, which helped produce rich and bold flavours. Harvest yields were above average. Our more recently planted Red Rock vineyard helped grow our grape production and move us closer to our goal to become 100% Lillooet VQA.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 42% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 33% Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Dry Creek and Red Rock vineyards.

The grapes for this 100% estate wine were hand picked from select rows in our vineyard with low cropping levels. The crushed and destemmed grapes received a 2-day cold soak, followed by pump-overs every 4 hours during fermentation. A 8-day extended maceration on the skins before pressing followed, all to extract maximum flavour and colour. The wine was aged in carefully curated French oak barrels for 15 months, of which 50% were new and 50% second fill.

### TASTING NOTES

This Meritage Reserve has notes of plum, raspberry, and cassis. It is complex with a round tannin structure. On the palate, this full-bodied wine has a long smooth finish with dark chocolate flavours.

This wine is ready now and will peak by 2025. With proper cellaring, you can age this wine until 2029.

Pairs beautifully with roasted lamb or vegetarian lasagna.

### AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores in BC

UPC: 626990106258

Retail price: \$43.99

### TECH SPECS

Alc.: 13.7%  
pH: 3.75  
TA: 6.7 g/l  
RS: 3.1 g/L  
Vegan: Yes  
Production: 294 cases

