

EUGENE, OR

SWEET CHEEKS



# 2017 MERLOT

applegate valley

CINNAMON & RASPBERRY  
*with a hint of COCOA POWDER*

## THE VINEYARD

Sourced from our longtime partners and friends, Serra Vineyards and Gentry Vineyards - both of the Applegate Valley AVA in Southern Oregon.

## THE HARVEST

Aged for 17 months in barrels using 18% new oak. For this vintage, I used hybrid barrels : 75% American and 25% French oak.

## THE VINTAGE

Our estate experienced a cool and wet spring which resulted in a mid-April bud break. Spring warmed up with record heat in late May followed by very high temperatures in July and August resulting in rapid veraison.

## THE WINE

100% Merlot | Applegate Valley AVA  
Serra Vineyard, Gentry Vineyard

RETAIL	TA	PH	ALC
\$32	6.23 gL	3.47	13.0%

“For the 2017 Merlot I used 18% new oak, so you will get a whisper of oak, but the flavor profile will have primarily dark berries and hints of spice. The texture of this wine will be smooth and luxurious.”  
- Leo Gabica, Winemaker

PRODUCTION	299 12 x 750ml cases
HARVEST DATE	October 7-21, 2017
BOTTLING DATE	August 27, 2020
RELEASE DATE	November 6, 2021



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