



SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

2015 Merlot

APPELLATION : Applegate Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION : 100% Merlot

HARVEST DATE(S) : September 19, 2015 & October 3, 2015

VINEYARD SOURCES : Serra Vineyards & Gentry Vineyards

COOPERAGE : The grapes were destemmed, crushed and cold soaked for 5 days, then inoculated in a long, cool fermentation (approx. 12 days). Following primary fermentation, the wine was pressed off and aged into French oak barrels, mostly new, for 9 months, completing malolactic fermentation.

BOTTLING DATE : August 25, 2016

CASE PRODUCTION : 695 cases

WINE ANALYSIS : pH : 3.41 | TA : 6.5 g/L | Alcohol : 13.0% | RS : 0.2%

TASTING NOTES

This medium-bodied wine exhibits a silky, rounded palate of blackberry, dried blueberry, plum and dark chocolate, leaving you with lingering hints of vanilla and thyme. Our merlot pairs well with hearty tomato-based pasta, roasted duck, and lightly spiced meat.

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2015 HARVEST OVERVIEW

Lightning struck twice in Oregon's burgeoning wine region with the 2015 growing season matching the near perfect 2014 vintage with beautiful fruit and bountiful yields. Bud break in March lead to full bloom by the end of May and the region saw nearly ideal weather conditions through late summer with very little rain. The fruit hung on the vines longer than usual and enjoyed a return to more typically cool September nights, which allowed clusters to reach full ripening potential with a beautiful balance of high sugar and acidity that gives great concentration to the wine. Harvest was both early and smooth, for the second year in a row. Wines produced in this vintage exhibit exceptional texture, balance, and intensity.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.

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Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.