## **2018 MERLOT**

Our Merlot fruit comes from two blocks atop a knoll in the acclaimed Carneros appellation, where harvests typically yield less than two tons per acre. Influenced by the cooling effect of the Pacific Ocean, Carneros is an ideal spot for growing our distinctive Merlot. It's a youthful wine that's invitingly approachable, while still offering the richness and decadence we love.

## **OUR TASTING NOTES**

Our 2018 Merlot is graceful and layered. Aromas of rhubarb, raspberry jam and ripe plum jump out of the glass and mingle with hints of baking spice, clove and vanilla bean. An alluring mid palate is balanced by sweet red fruit and a delectable savory finish. Soft, plush, juicy tannins create a textured palate, which keeps you yearning for another sip. A welcoming vibrancy is retained allowing for this wine to be incredibly inviting. Accessible upon release and for those with the patience to bottle age, they will be rewarded well into the future.

**Blend:** Merlot 97% • Cabernet Sauvignon 3%

Aging: Aged 18 months in 70% new French oak

Bottling: Bottled unfiltered and unfined

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

Production: 415 cases produced

