

STONECAP

MERLOT

ESTATE GROWN
2018 ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY



TASTING NOTE

“Our 2018 Stonecap Merlot is aromatically expressive with notes of strawberry, cherry, toffee, and hints of aromatic herbs and baking spices. A smooth, medium body revolves around bright flavors of pomegranate, strawberry, and raspberry that evolve into a full, evolving finish with notes of mocha and coffee.” –Andrew Wilson, Winemaker

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2018 Vintage was remarkable due to exceptionally moderate growing conditions. After an unusually mild winter, vine growth began rapidly. But, by late spring and early summer, conditions had returned to more moderate temperatures, which helped to bring vine development closer to normal with minimal disease pressure. A warm, dry summer caused nice, even cluster development. A later-onset of extreme heat in August threatened to lead to an early harvest, but conditions again moderated through the fall.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Blend: 100% Merlot

TA: 0.54g/100ml

PH: 3.83

Alcohol: 14.2%

