

MONTE CREEK — RANCH —

2017

HANDS UP RED

THE WINE

This unique blend of Merlot, Frontenac Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon smells like brambly fruit, with cassis, strawberry, and light vanilla. You will taste blackberry, light earth, licourice, pumpkin, lightly toasted oak. The palate offers Excellent freshness, with medium body, medium acid, medium + tannin, plus flavor intensity, and complexity that over delivers for the price point. This is the perfect drink to pair with anything off the grill like mushroom burgers or Wednesday nights.

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a pretty normal year until sometime in July, when the first of the wildfires broke out. Every year has its challenges, in 2017, it was the smoke. Our brave vineyard workers donned their particulate masks day in and day out and worked through the difficult conditions. Meanwhile, our vines were hard at work producing beautiful fruit under smoky skies. Yes, there is a risk that smoky flavours can find their way into the wine, but here at Monte Creek we took absolutely every effort to mitigate those effects. We pick in the early dawn to keep the fruit cold, hand sort absolutely every cluster of fruit, press lightly, and a myriad of other strategies. It's a ton of effort, but the results are wines that are fresh, flavourful, and exactly what you would expect from a quality British Columbia wine.

THE FACTS

Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	Dry
pH	3.51
TA	7.2 g/L

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