



GRAPE VARIETIES

100% MERLOT

PRODUCTION

98 CASES

BOTTLED

MARCH 28, 2019

ALC % VOLUME 14%

PHI 3.64

TA G/L 5.9

RS G/L 1.35

SKU 83457

A perfect integration of fruit, tannin and oak, this premium merlot was 4 years in the making. Juicy plum, wild raspberry, black cherry, vanilla and espresso are just a few of the complex aromas that reveal themselves in Alto. Additional layers of dark chocolate, cranberry and cassis complement the richness of the palate and lingering finish. 100% Estate grown fruit. 26 months barrel aging in 50% new oak.

FOOD PAIRINGS

A nuanced wine to savour, Alto pairs beautifully with beef shortrib, tenderloin or roast duck.

VITICULTURE

Merlot exclusively from our 1996 planting on Allendale cropped to a low 1.5tons/acre and with very limited irrigation throughout the season.

WINEMAKING

Merlot from our older block on the Allendale property was harvested in the second week of October 2016. The grapes were destemmed and gently crushed into small 1-ton fermentors. Vigorous punch-downs were performed several times per day throughout the fermentations. After 30 days on skins, the free-run wine was allocated to premium French oak barrels (50% new) and aged for 26 months before bottling.

2016 ALTO