



BIANCHI



MERLOT 2017

Bianchi Vineyard
Geneseo District

Winemaker
Chris Stanton

Vineyard

In the heart of the Paso Robles AVA, you will find our estate nestled deep in the Geneseo District where Bordeaux varietals rule supreme. Our Merlot is spread out over a few rows, taking up only 2 of our 40 acres. We look over these 19 year old vines on a daily basis with great care, and make sure we are hand-harvesting at exactly the right hour of the perfect day.

Varietal

Currently the most planted varietal in France, Merlot is known for being one of the principal grape varieties in the Bordeaux region. It was brought to California in the mid-19th century, and while it began as primarily a blending grape, it is now well known as a single varietal wine in hot climates like Paso Robles and Napa Valley. The difference in “cool climate” Merlot and “hot climate” Merlot is a substantial one. A “hot climate” merlot like ours provides a more bright, fruit forward wine with silky tannins and chocolatey flavors, whereas a cooler climate Merlot has more tannic structure and earthy flavors like tobacco and tar. It is a wine that is easy to pair with most foods, and is the 3rd most popular varietal in the US today, so grab a glass and join the party!

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition : 100% Merlot
Appellation : Paso Robles
Aging : 22 months in French oak, 20% new
Finished Alcohol : 14.5%
Bottling Date :
Harvest Dates:
Total Production :

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