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## 2014 Meritage

### *Vintage*

2014 was a rare growing year in Virginia - it was neither too hot nor too cold, neither too rainy nor too dry. This coincided with our main vineyard block finally coming of age! The resulting wines effortlessly expressed a purity of fruit with the strength and clarity of young vines.

### *Vineyard*

The 2014 Meritage is all Estate fruit and is the first blend to showcase 100% Stinson Farms fruit. Vines are cane pruned and close spaced on the mineral rich red clay loam that is a signature of this part of Virginia.

### *Winemaker's Notes*

Our heaviest Merlot blend to date exudes fresh red fruit flavors of plum, currant, and fig. Earthy tea leaf and savory black olive linger on the palate. Bright acidity and fine-grained tannins lend structure and balance. This is a wine that drinks well in its youth and will only benefit from bottle age.

*Harvest Dates: October 9 - October 29, 2014*

### *Technical Notes*

Varietal Content: 56% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot  
AVA: Monticello  
Aged 18 months in French oak, 35% new  
End pH: 3.78  
Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: June 22, 2016  
Case Production: 400  
Release Date: December 2016  
Bottle Price: \$31.99



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## **Awards**

Gold, 2017 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver, 2017 International Women's Wine Competition

## **Ratings**

91 Points - Mike Potashnik, International Wine Review

90 Points - Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com

## **Reviews**

*"This is an elegant and refined estate-bottled Meritage . . . It displays dark red fruit flavors with a silky attack and mouth feel. On the mid-palate it reveals good acidity with concentrated flavors, firm round tannins, and a persistent finish. Well done."* - Mike Potashnik, International Wine Review

*"A solid wine with a ripe, redcurrant nose, a medium to full body, then full, ripe tannins and a long, harmonious finish."* - Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com