



# MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

## TERROIR COLLECTION REED CREEK VINEYARD 2019 ORGANIC MERLOT

*The uniqueness of site and soil; a depiction of the diverse Okanagan microclimates.*

### JAGGED ROCK VINEYARD

This vineyard, originally a fruit orchard, has been farmed organically for more than 40 years with soils that are high in nutrients and quite porous. The west side vineyard location of our Reed Creek Organic Merlot results in a significant amount of morning sun exposure, giving way to the shade by afternoon. This leads to late ripening fruit that is more delicate and intensely flavourful. The hillsides are dotted by dense stands of Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. The label image reflects the rough and seamless nature of cover crops in the organic vineyard rows, one of our sustainability practices.

### TASTING NOTES

Focused and complex with inviting aromas of ripe plum, black currant and gentle spice flavours, flowing smoothly against polished tannins into a long and harmonious finish.

**ESTATE** | Reed Creek Vineyard, Certified Organic

**ELEVATION** | 356m - 385m

**SOILS** | Site is atop an alluvial fan from Reed Creek that runs through the estate. Rocky, well drained soil high in organic matter and nutrients. Organically farmed for more than 40 years.

**SEASONAL CONDITIONS** | Warm and consistent, giving way to one of the coolest falls on record. Perfect conditions for natural acidity retention and flavour development.

**CANOPY** | All steel trellis to support organic farming; VSP and cane pruned

**MATURATION** | 16 months in French Oak (20% new)

**ABV** | 14.5% **TA** | 6.1 g/L **PH** | 3.61



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