

# 2016 RESERVE MERITAGE

Cedar, cinnamon, and leather accentuates a nose of cranberries and violets. Red plum and cocoa intermingle with soft vanilla undertones on the palate, with a strong tannin and acid balance.

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$28.00

CASES PRODUCED: 504.7

## TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Finger Lakes

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 51% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.2%

ACID: 5.4 g/L

PH: 3.6

HARVEST DATE: October 19, 2016

BOTTLING DATE: September 7, 2017

VEGAN FRIENDLY: Yes

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

SILVER MEDAL, *Finger Lakes International Wine Competition*

88 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*

## PRODUCTION NOTES

ESTATE VINEYARD BLOCK: 93.1% CS1; 6.3% MR1; .6% CF2

TONS: 3.2 Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 Merlot, .8 Cabernet Franc

YEAST: Cabernet Sauvignon: D254, FX10 nad BM45; Merlot: BM45 Cabernet Franc: 3001

COLD SOAK: Cabernet Sauvignon: 4 days; Merlot: no; Cabernet Franc: 4 days

FERMENTATION DURATION: Cabernet Sauvignon: 7 days, 2-3 punchdowns each day; Merlot: 8 days, 1 punchdown each day; Cabernet Franc: 6 days, 2-3 punchdowns each day

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: Cabernet Sauvignon: VP41 ML culture, ~2 months; Merlot: Lallemant beta ML culture, ~1 months; Cabernet Franc: VP41 ML culture, ~.5 month

OAK TREATMENT: Cabernet Sauvignon: 7 older oak French barrel, 2 3rd-use oak French barrels; Merlot: 1 4rd-use oak French barrels; Cabernet Franc: 2 older oak French barrels; One barrel was 50/50 Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Wine rested in barrel for 8-9 months

## ABOUT SHELDRAKE POINT WINERY

Sheldrake Point Winery is named for the prominent point of land on which it sits, located on the western shore of Cayuga Lake. Operated as an orchard and dairy farm from 1850 to the mid-1980s, the 155-acre lakeshore farm lay fallow until 1997 when a small group of wine enthusiasts organized the purchase of the land and founded the winery. Today, Sheldrake Point Winery continues the agricultural tradition with 55 acres of vineyard planted to 10 vitis vinifera varieties, which are used to make approximately 8,500 cases of estate grown, produced, and bottled table and ice wines.

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