

# VICTOR HUGO

## Wine Technical Notes

### 2018 Estate Merlot

Varieties: 100% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles - Templeton Gap District

Average brix at harvest: 24.5

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 13.7%

Acidity: 0.68g/100ml

PH: 3.53

Residual sugar: 0.01 g/100ml

Date bottled: July 16, 2021

Cases produced: 91



**Growing conditions:** Late winter rainfall (all in March), light frost (whites) and cool spring/early summer produced great fruit set. Judicious thinning and warm days lasting into October led to an outstanding late harvest with excellent quality and yields.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested, then crushed into a stainless fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with D80 yeast then pumped over twice daily for 13 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this merlot was aged for 24 months in French and Hungarian oak prior to bottling.

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