

THEOREM

VINEYARDS



2018 DIAMOND MOUNTAIN MERLOT

VARIETY: 100% Merlot

APPELLATION: Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

CASES PRODUCED: 245

VINEYARD: Diamond Mountain Estate, 1,100–1,300 ft elevation

SOIL: Aiken Loam

CLONE: 181

VINEYARD PLANTED: 2014

HARVEST DATE: September 27th, 2018

OAK: 60% new French oak, mixed coopers for 19 months

ABV: 14.5%

WINEMAKER: Thomas Brown

PROPRIETOR: Jason & Kisha Itkin

VINEYARD MANAGER: Josh Clark, Clark Vineyard Management

2017 Diamond Mountain Merlot drawn from a one acre block our family planted together in our Diamond Mountain vineyard in 2014. Tucked away on the north eastern edge of our Diamond Mountain Estate lies a steep one acre hillside. Merlot has always been a variety that we have loved and we thought that this hillside might be the perfect home for it. With ample sunshine, volcanic soils and its mountain hillside location we believe that we have created a truly unique expression of this noble variety.

The 2018 Diamond Mountain Merlot shows perfumed aromas of perfectly ripe plums and coco powder that waft seductively upwards. This is followed by hints of wild herbs, fresh black raspberries and cedar. On the palate the wine is soft and lush. Velvety tannins give the wine structure, while a bright backbone of acidity gives it length and finesse. The wine glides to an elegant finish of tart blackberries and wild herbs that lingers well past the last sip. Our 2018 Diamond Mountain Merlot will remind you of what a great Merlot can and should be.