

# THEOREM

VINEYARDS



## 2017 DIAMOND MOUNTAIN MERLOT

**VARIETY:** 100% Merlot

**APPELLATION:** Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

**CASES PRODUCED:** 177

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

**SOIL:** Aiken Loam

**CLONE:** 181

**VINEYARD PLANTED:** 2014

**HARVEST DATE:** October 5th, 2017

**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.

On the nose the 2017 Diamond Mountain Estate Merlot is a heady mix of ripe black cherries, fresh plums, milk chocolate, roasted espresso and sweet herbs. From the moment the wine touches your palate, it shows power, structure and personality. As the wine glides over the midpalate, it slyly reveals a silky elegance, that is wrapped in structured mountains tannins. The finish is long and protracted with lingering notes of ripe plums and roasted espresso. Enjoy this now or cellar it and watch it evolve for years to come.