



*"You will love the 'Legacy of Quality'
we have put in every bottle."*

- JIM SAUNDERS & STEVE HEARST

2017 *PICO CREEK* MERLOT

Tasting Notes:

It's not a secret that Paso Robles gets hot during the summer months. Normal weather during our growing season sees daytime highs in the 90's (sometimes into the 100's) and overnight lows into the 50's. In September of 2017 a protracted heat wave of 11 straight days tested our vines as well as "the power grid"! This vintage of Pico Creek Merlot was influenced heavily by the heat during that period and you will find it to be a delicious outlier from our typical profile. This wine is big, juicy and unapologetically ripe. The nose is chocolaty with dense aromas of dark stone fruits. Decadent flavors are carried on the palate by a velvety tannin profile and framed in by firm acidity. We bottled a scant 240 cases of the 2017 Pico Creek Merlot so get it while it's available.

Appellation: Paso Robles

Composition: 82% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 15%

Total Acidity: .59 g/100mL

pH: 3.77

Cooperage: 5% new French Oak & 95% neutral oak

Bottled: April 2019

Cases Produced: 250

Suggested Retail Price: \$35

