

TERRA BLANCA

Arch Terrace

2015 ARCH TERRACE MERLOT

96% Merlot | 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

NOTES

"Aromas of red fruits, cedar, rose petal, and spice rise out of the glass. This leads to core flavors of black cherry layered with nuances of red and black currant and dried cherry on the palate. The vibrant acid and finely integrated tannin structure provide the framework allowing this Merlot to rival most Cabernet Sauvignons."

- Keith Pilgrim

Keith Pilgrim
Owner/Winemaker



VINEYARD

Terra Blanca Estate Vineyard, Red Mountain
Salmon Safe Certified

GROWING CONDITIONS

Our 23rd harvest at Terra Blanca! We broke the record for total heat units during the growing season we set in 2014 with the warmest growing season ever recorded on Red Mountain in 2015. Our harvest began two to three weeks early in the middle of August almost all of the estate was picked by the third week of September. At this point, almost all of the wines will be in barrels by the middle of October, 4 to 6 weeks ahead of schedule.

The quality of the vintage overall is amazing with huge concentrated flavors from a moderate sized crop of tiny berries. As we begin the second week of October, the warm extended fall is continuing with warm days and mostly relatively warm evenings for this late in the year. While we are very pleased with all of the varieties this vintage, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Rhone whites and Italian varieties stand out as really exceptional.

HARVEST

Average Brix at Harvest - 25.3° Brix
Average pH - 3.75
Average Titratable Acidity - 0.505g/100ml

WINEMAKING

Fermentation in closed tanks with a variety of yeast types and some multiple yeast fermentation help to create wines with huge fruit flavors and fine well integrated tannins. Aged for up to 30 months in French oak barrels, 34% new. Blending with a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon adds complexity and a longer finish. Wines were bottle aged for over 12 months prior to release.

BOTTLE

Alcohol by Volume - 13.5%
pH - 3.78
Titratable Acidity - 0.585g/100ml
Production - 2,940 cases