

LAVA CAP

American River Red NV, El Dorado AVA



HARVEST DATES: 2017 and 2018 vintages

VINEYARD: Lava Cap Farms

AGING: 20 Months in 2nd Fill French and American Oak **CASES**

PRODUCED: 800

ALC: 14.7%

PH: 3.7

TA: .6

BLEND: 60% Merlot, 20% Syrah, 20% Zinfandel

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2017 and 2018 vintages both provided the weather to create well developed flavors in our estate vineyards. When we create this blend each year, we look for areas of our vineyards that will provide fruit that creates a smooth and easy drinking style to the wine, and creates a wine that does not require the lengthy aging time to fully develop the structure or flavor profile.

WINE MAKER NOTES: This wine was created as a table wine. We wanted the wine to be enjoyable and distinguishable as an El Dorado AVA wine, but varietal character takes a back seat to the the smooth and flavorful structure. During the blending process, we selected wines with supple tannins, smooth spice, and a decadent body that work together while never dominating with one varietal character. Great fruit, great body, a little toasty oak, and the smooth, rich Lava Cap finish!