## Winemaker's Notes

**Vegan friendly** 

VARIETY: 2018 Meritage Red Blend

Appellation: 100% Texas

ALCOHOL: 13.9

pH: 3.64

ACIDITY: 6.0 g/L (as Tartaric acid)

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.15% (dry)

OAKING: Aged with 40% new French oak from

Nadalie and Canton cooperage.

UPC NUMBER: 0-88596-11607-7 TIES/PALLET: 5

750ML BOTTLES/CASE: 12 CASES/TIE: 15

CASES/PALLET: 75 WEIGHT LBS/CS: 33.0

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2018
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MERITAGE
RED BLEND

Llano Estacado Meritage Red blend has the distinction of being accepted into the prestigious American Meritage Association. Meritage wines are provocative wines crafted solely from specific "noble" Bordeaux grape varieties, and recognizes the centuries-old tradition of blending, long considered to be the highest form of the winemaker's art.

The 2018 Meritage Red is a blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Tempranillo, and 3% Malbec. The wines were fermented separately and blended after completion of Malolactic fermentation in the winter of 2018-19. In order to enhance its fruit forward aromatics and to add complexity, the blend was aged with 40% new French oak until it was bottled in June of 2019.

Wonderful on its own, this wine pairs well with sharp cheddar cheese, grilled pork chops, or your favorite cut of steak.

Serve at a cool room temperature of 65 F.

Enjoy!