

## 2021 MERITAGE

AVA: Monticello
VINEYARD: King Family Vineyards,
VARIETIES: 47% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc, 23%
Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec
ABV: 13.95% | RS: <0.1% | pH: 3.67 | TA: 5.3
BOTTLED: March 2023 | PRODUCTION: 2053 cases
Price \$38.00

## Winemaking

Sorted before and after destemming, without crushing the grapes. Fermentation and maceration will last up to two months, followed by a gentle pressing to extract the wine. Malolactic conversion takes place in barrel. The base wines are blended in April following the vintage. Aged for 18 months in 45% new French oak barriques.

## TASTING NOTES

Developing aromas of dried herbs, tobacco leaf, dark fruits, and oak spice. On the palate, a lively acidity balances the wine's willowy but firm tannins. Rich concentration and a long finish suggest that this wine will continue to improve with additional time in the cellar.

