



2023 MERITAGE

AVA: Monticello

VINEYARD: King Family Vineyards,

VARIETIES: 49% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc,
22% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec

ABV: 14% | RS: <0.1% | pH: 3.56 | TA: 5

Bottled: March 2025 | Production: 2004 cases

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

Inviting aromas of red plum, dark fruits, dried herbs such as oregano, and a subtle hint of white pepper. Nuances of tobacco leaf and vanilla spice add depth and complexity. On the palate, lively acidity balances willowy yet firm tannins, while rich concentration and a long, lingering finish suggest that this wine will continue to evolve beautifully.