



BROWN HILL

2017 Croesus Reserve Merlot



Wine Specs

Vintage: 2017
Varietal: Merlot
Harvest: 02nd March 2017
Acid: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.6
Bottled: June 2018
Alcohol: 14.0%

Tasting Notes

Colour: Deep, dark red
Nose: Violets and dry spice.
Palate: Mulberry and blackberry with an earthy finish.
Cellar: 10 years

Vineyard Notes

Ahead of the 2017 vintage we retrained many vines back from spur pruning to cane. This, as well as the season, resulted in higher yields with healthy, well balanced vines. A laborious autumn and early summer of hand selection of fruit to reduce crop load led to perfect ripening and exquisite fruit quality.

Production Notes

After hand picking, the grapes were destemmed, hand sorted, and crushed into open fermenters where a strain of Bordeaux yeast was added to initiate fermentation. Once primary fermentation was completed and the must had been pressed, malolactic fermentation was performed in French oak barrels of which 35% were new. At the completion of this the wine was racked and returned to barrels for 15 months of maturation.

Food Pairing Notes

Ricotta and sage stuffed mushrooms with Himalayan salt.

Senior Winemaker: Nathan Bailey