

# FIVEWISE

CENTRAL COAST

MERITAGE BLEND

## COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon  
Merlot  
Petit Verdot  
Malbec  
Cabernet Franc

## ALCOHOL

13.5%

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a Meritage Blend from California's Central Coast

### *meaning*

A Meritage (pronounced like "heritage") is a blend of two or more of the traditional "noble" Bordeaux varieties, with no one variety making up more than 90% of the blend.

### *vineyard*

The growing season is ideal across the Central Coast with mild temperatures throughout the spring and not overly hot summers. Typical summer fog, strong winds and the maritime cooling influence from the Pacific Ocean allow the grapes to hang until the peak of flavor development. This longer-than-average season yields intensity, concentration, and dramatic flavors that increase in lushness as the wine opens up.

### *winemaking*

The grapes are picked in the early morning hours, destemmed, crushed, and fermented in small lots in open top fermenters. To retain authentic character, each variety is fermented separately. During the blending process just prior to bottling, the proportion of each variety is chosen to accentuate the richness of flavor and maximize depth, complexity, mouthfeel and finish.

### *blend*

Each variety in our FiveWise Meritage Blend brings a compelling characteristic to the finished wine. Cabernet Sauvignon provides structure, rich tannis and power. Merlot contributes plush fruit and supple texture. Petit Verdot brings intense color and robust, earthy flavors. Malbec adds a subtle spiciness and bright acidity. Cabernet Franc brings soft round tannis and aromatic notes of dried herbs.

### *style*

An expressive wine finessed with intensity, the nose is rich with blackberries, raspberry, cigar box and vanilla bean. The palate reveals juicy dark plum, blueberries, mocha and black cherry. Our FiveWise Meritage Blend can be enjoyed on its own or paired with roast beef, brie cheese or with your favorite dark chocolate.

