

2017 GREG NORMAN ESTATES LIMESTONE COAST CABERNET MERLOT



WINEMAKER: Andrew Hales
REGION: Limestone Coast, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot
MATURATION: 24 months in seasoned French oak and stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.5 g/L TA | 3.45 pH

VINTAGE: 2017 was a long vintage in the Limestone Coast. The vineyards benefitted from the replenished soil moisture which sustained the vines during the hot summer. From mid-March to early May, moderate, warm days and cool nights provided ideal conditions for slow, even ripening of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in grapes with deep color, outstanding flavor intensity and ripe, regionally distinctive tannins.

WINEMAKING: The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot varieties were kept separate in the winery until final blending. The fruit was destemmed and gently crushed followed by fermentation that took place in stainless-steel, open-top tanks for five to ten days. The wine was then pressed off the skins into smaller steel tanks and oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and 24 months of maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: This is a wine with finesse and fine structure. The nose opens with vibrant red fruit aromas of cherry, cranberry and raspberry. Layers of spice, black currant and leather add complexity to the upfront, fresh fruit aromas. The palate is generous and juicy, its fruit-forward nature underpinned by notes of spice, well integrated toasted oak, and silky tannins through the long finish.

ABOUT GREG NORMAN ESTATES: Greg Norman, known as much for his entrepreneurial spirit in the boardroom as his dominance on the golf course, is arguably the most successful athlete-turned-businessman. His unyielding approach to both golf and life earned him the nickname, The Great White Shark. Created from a family passion and strengthened by determination, Greg Norman Estates, founded in 1996, is a collection of fine wines sourced from stunning wine regions in California, New Zealand, and Greg's homeland of Australia. The selected growing regions are appreciated for the incredible wines they produce and the personal influence they have had on the Norman family over Greg's many years professionally touring the world. A strong believer in the role of wine as part of an active, easygoing lifestyle, Greg's aim is to produce approachable yet bold wines to be enjoyed by family, fans and wine enthusiasts alike.

