



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2015 Merlot, Estate**

2015 gave us our fourth consecutive year of below average rainfall and another year of exceptional Merlot. The decades old vines found little reprieve from the continuing struggle for water throughout the winter and found cold and windy conditions during the spring. The modest crop ripened seasonably early with deep concentration. This wine has a balance of fresh acidity and soft tannins, full-bodied yet smooth, deep in color and filled with cherry and blackberry notes. Still a little dry on the finish from those healthy tannins, so why not whip up some Coconut Chicken Curry to pair with this wine?

Harvested: September 18th and 27th, 2015

Brix: 24.8

pH: 3.54

Fermented: 12 days in 1.5 ton open top fermenters

Pressed: 50% New American oak barrels, 50% neutral barrels

Alcohol: 13.8%

Bottled: March 9th, 2018

Production: 90 cases

Aging: A great vintage to lay down! If you can't, make sure to let it breathe a few hours and pair with food. Drink fall 2019 to 2026.