



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2017 Merlot, Estate**

Do you remember that movie where they insulted Merlot? It's been over a decade and this once well loved variety is still considered unworthy. Well we beg to disagree! While Merlot can be thin, insipid and boring, it can also be robust, bold and delicious. Our dry farmed grapes provide us with excellent flavors and rich but velvety tannins. This isn't your grandmother's Merlot. So whip up some Braised Short Ribs with Polenta and enjoy a complex Merlot and hold on to your socks!

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| Harvested:  | September 9th, September 18th, and September 26th, 2017                                   |
| Brix:       | 25.2  |
| pH:         | 3.67  |
| Fermented:  | 14 days in 1.5 ton fermenters   |
| Pressed:    | Into 50% new American Oak Barrels, 50% neutral barrels                                    |
| Alcohol:    | 14.6%   |
| Bottled:    | December 17th,, 2019  |
| Production: | 84 cases  |
| Aging:      | Best if aged a bit. Drink 2021 through 2028. Best to wait until at least 2023. Good luck. |