ECO TERRENO
WINES & VINEYARDS

2017
MERLOT
ALEXANDER VALLEY



ABOUT ECO TERRENO

Great wines are not just produced, rather they are carefully cultivated. At Eco Terreno our vast experience along with time honored traditions and a healthy respect for the land help us cultivate grapes that are of the utmost quality and flavor. In 1980, after an extensive search, Founder and Winemaker Mark Lyon found a 122-acre (92 acres planted to vines) vineyard in Alexander Valley near Cloverdale. Today the Lyon and Cisne Vineyards are both 100% certified Organic.

HARVEST NOTES

Record breaking winter rainfall kicked off the season, replenishing soils and ponds. A pleasant spring brought bud break at the normal time, and we welcomed small berries with excellent color. A hot summer came to a peak on Labor Day weekend but our grapes fared well and once cooler weather arrived, our red varietals were able to mature at a gradual pace which allowed full varietal characteristics to develop until the grapes were harvested in mid-October.

TASTING NOTES

When Mark first tasted the 2017 Merlot on its own he knew it was a super star in the making. This wine has a very dark purple hue that borders on opaque with an effusively fragrant nose of dark red fruits, cassis, and ripe black cherry. Velvety, full-bodied and satisfying this wine offers mouth-filling flavors of ripe dark fruits, black currant, and baking spices that linger in a long soft finish.

REVIEW

92 POINTS - James Suckling

AVA:	Alexander Valley
HARVEST DATE:	October 2017
BLEND:	79% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:	14.6%
TA:	6.5 g/L
PH:	3.59
AGING:	New French oak, neutral French & American oak. Time in barrel - 15 months.
BOTTLED:	March 2019
CASES PRODUCED:	277
MSRP:	$45
ESTATE:	CCOF Certified Organic

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