



# GORDON

## *Estate*



## 2013 *Merlot*

KAMIAK VINEYARD ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Merlot
- **OAK PROGRAM:** 18 months in 35% New American Oak
- **pH:** 3.46
- **TA:** 6.43g / 100mL
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.7%
- **PRODUCTION:** 2,400 cases

### VINTAGE

The 2013 growing season was one of the hottest on records, right in stride with 1998 and 2003. Hot, 90 degree temperatures came on in early spring, prompting an earlier than average bud break. This hot spell was followed up by welcome spring rains that helped establish healthy canopies early in the season with bloom occurring early in June. Intense heat hung around from late June into mid September when a dramatic shift in weather brought us a nice cool, but dry fall allowing for good hang time.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of lightly toasted marshmallow followed by blackberry jam with "Herbs de Provence" lingering in the background great the nose. The first sip is luscious and brooding flavors of a mixed berry compote blend seamlessly with the wine's supple tannins. The wine finishes with a brisk cleansing finish, reminiscent of graphite.