



## GRAY MONK ESTATE WINERY

### Generations of Commitment

For Gray Monk, it is a decades-long tradition to produce exceptional wine made from grapes grown throughout the scenic Lake Okanagan Valley. The year 2017 marked 45 years of vineyard operations and 35 years of wine production, making Gray Monk the oldest estate winery in British Columbia.

To celebrate this milestone year, Gray Monk Estate Winery has expanded their Odyssey line of wines. The popular Latitude 50 Series and Estate Wine Series will still be offered.



Okanagan Wine Country

# 2014 Merlot

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
APPELLATION	Okanagan Valley
PH	3.53
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.12 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.64 g/l
ALCOHOL	13.7%
CASES PRODUCED	3,752
UPC	7-78829-11417-7
WINEMAKER	George Heiss Jr. & Roger Wong
WINEMAKERS COMMENTS	<i>Grapes from the southern Okanagan Valley were used for the 2014 Merlot. The juice underwent malolactic fermentation for 2-3 weeks and was then aged in oak barrels for 8 months. Before bottling the wine went through fining and minimal filtration to enhance varietal characteristics.</i>

*Garnet in colour this classic ripe Merlot has aromas of plum, blackberry, and cocoa. The palate is rich with blackberry, chocolate and plum. This wine has firm round tannins and a lengthy finish.*

### WINERY BACKGROUND

*The Heiss family has been a pioneer of the wine industry since 1972, from growing grapes to supporting the promotion of British Columbia's world famous VQA wines. In 2017, Gray Monk joined the Andrew Peller Limited family of wineries.*

*At Gray Monk Estate Winery, optimum growing conditions allow a range of cool climate grape varieties to flourish, including Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Auxerrois. The Heiss family grew grapes for 10 years prior to establishing the winery. Today, some of the original surviving vines are now more than 25 years old and used to make Gray Monk's signature wines. Gray Monk also creates red wines of note, such as Pinot Noir and Merlot, from grapes that are grown in the Okanagan Valley.*

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