

# THE RESERVES

CREEKSIDE



## 2016 MERLOT

### WINEMAKER'S YADA-YADA

2016 was a hot, dry vintage and great for big, bold reds like this one. This block of Merlot from our Queenston Road Vineyard always makes a powerhouse wine with lots of structure and tannin. Built for longterm ageing, it will best be enjoyed in 2023 or later.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

Perfumed red cherry lifts off immediately on the nose, followed by pencil shavings, cigar box and earthy elements. The palate has some great fruit – cherry and plum to be sure but nicely complemented by dark chocolate, leather, a certain rusticity and fine grain tannins. This wine is big and the tannins are still grippy. Needs some time in a decanter or ageing in the cellar.

### ON THE TABLE WITH

Red meat- beef tenderloin, beef brisket, smoked portobello mushrooms, hard cheeses, rich and hearty stew.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**Production:** 206 cases + 60 magnums

**Sugar:** 3.6 g/L      **Alcohol:** 13.0%

**pH:** 3.48      **TA:** 7.35 g/L

### PRODUCTION DEETS

**Pick Date:** October 4, 2016

**Fermentation:** 1 Tonne Bins

**Bottling Date:** August 15, 2018

