



SHADYBROOK
— ESTATE —

2015 SHADYBROOK ESTATE “V” Red Blend

Eleven Barrels (244) Cases Produced

52% Cab Franc | 27% Merlot | 12% Cabernet Sauvignon | 6% Petit Verdot | 3% Malbec

Aged 26 months in 70% New French Oak

Alcohol by volume: 15.3%

“Our Estate V is a harmoniously bold and classic red wine with rich garnet color. The wine opens with earthy and spicy aromatics driven by the Cabernet Franc. The supporting case of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot push forward the black currant, anise, blackberry, and sweet leather notes on the mid-palate. The wine finishes with a supple and silky texture with plum, fig and vanilla bean that linger on and on.”

- Rudy Zuidema, Winemaker

This red blend from the Shadybrook Estate vineyard which include all five of the major Bordeaux varieties. Dropping fruit to decrease yield and improve quality and complexity was the first crucial step. We then use our state-of-the-art optical sorter to separate the fruit from the stems in preparation for the cold press process. We let each grape varietal slowly and meticulously crush themselves. Eventually the grape skins float to the top while the grape juice (free run juice) stays at the bottom. Afterwards we take the free run juice and barrel age each of the varietals separately. Coming up with the blend is the most exciting part, going toward a traditional method bordeaux blend was the direction we started towards. After the blend was finalized, we let the wine sit and become infused with each other before bottling