



Opolo

2018 WILLOW CREEK MERLOT
PASO ROBLES WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

92 PTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST

Opolo Vineyards has a long established reputation of growing and producing award winning wines in Paso Robles, California. With nearly 300 acres of vines on the east and west side of Paso Robles, Opolo Vineyards is privy to a wide range in climate, soil and growing potential—allowing an extensive range of varietals to flourish. This variety combined with the passion behind the brand has made Opolo a favorite of wine enthusiasts everywhere.

VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine are sourced from Opolo's estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Cooling breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean contribute foggy mornings and lower summer temperatures, which produces exceptional, expressive fruit.

WINEMAKING

The grapes is handpicked at night to ensure that the fruit arrives at the winery very cold. The grapes are delicately destemmed and crushed ever so slightly in order to split the skin. The resulting must is cold soaked for 4 days before being warmed and fermented. After 20 days of fermentation the wine is gently pressed, settled and racked to barrel for 15 + months

WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced from our Estate Vineyards in Willow Creek, this Merlot is medium bodied with densely concentrated flavors of cassis, black cherry, spice, and culinary herbs. Plush, fleshy, and wonderfully rich on the palate with a satisfyingly long finish.

Pair with Dakgalbi (Korean spicy chicken stir fry).

WINE INFORMATION

COMPOSITION: 90% Merlot, 7% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Willow Creek District AVA, Paso Robles, California

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,000