

## COLTERRIS WINERY

Founded in 2010, COLTERRIS is family-owned and operated in the Grand Valley AVA, Palisade, Colorado. The name COLTERRIS means "from the Colorado land."

**Colterris Estate Wines will always be produced 100% from our family vineyards.**

Situated along the Colorado River, the high-altitude meso-climates and volcanic soils of our vineyards contribute to the rich color, intense fruit flavors and robust character that make COLTERRIS wines unique.

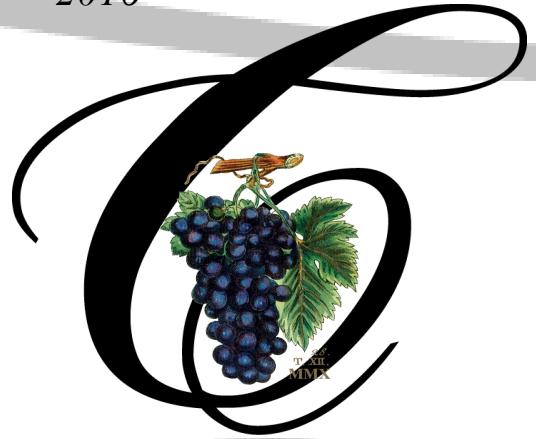


# Colterris®

## MERLOT

*Grand Valley*

2016



### WINEMAKER NOTES

Exceptionally dark in color and profoundly extracted. Up front rich aromas of blueberries and rose petals. Balanced tannins are coupled with a soft and silky richness in the finish. This wine goes particularly well with boldly flavored foods...grilled steak, roasted chicken and pork, BBQ ribs, aged cheddar and blue cheeses, tomato-based and red-fruit sauces.

### VINEYARD DETAILS

53% Riverside Vineyard Merlot, West Block, *Clone Unknown, Planted 1991*  
31% Riverside Vineyard Merlot, East Block, *Clone 3, Planted 1998*  
12% Theresa's Vineyard Merlot, *Clone ENTAV 348, Planted 2012*  
4% Cliffside Malbec, *Clone 9, Planted 2011*

### PRODUCTION NOTES

This inaugural vintage of Colterris Merlot sets the bar high! An intensely fruit forward wine, broadly structured with a complex lingering richness. The Riverside Vineyard Merlot blocks provided most of the fruit and the majority of the tannins. Theresa's Vineyard Merlot was a softer and rounder wine, which added nice mid-palate fruit flavors. The addition of Malbec helped drive a rich fruitiness and softened some of the tannin from the Riverside blocks.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**Varietal Composition:** 96% Merlot, 4% Malbec

**Appellation:** Grand Valley AVA

#### Harvest Dates:

Riverside Vineyard Merlot, West Block, Clone Unknown, 9/29/2016

Riverside Vineyard Merlot, East Block, Clone 3, 9/28/2016

Theresa's Vineyard Merlot, Clone ENTAV 348, 9/30/2016

Cliffside Malbec, Clone 9, 10/11/2016

**Winemakers:** Bo Felton and Justin Jannusch

**RS:** 0.0 g/l   **ABV:** 14.9%   **pH:** 3.63   **TA:** 5.7 g/l