

## 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.**

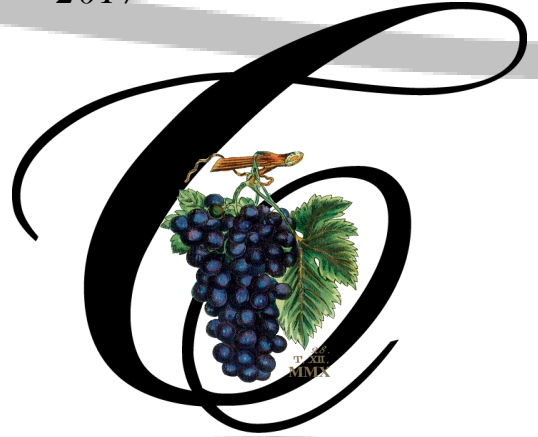
Situated along the Colorado River, the high-altitude meso-climates and volcanic soils of our vineyards contribute to the rich color, intense fruit flavors and robust character that make COLTERRIS wines unique.

# Colterris®

## MERLOT

*Grand Valley*

2017



### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Merlot displays aromas of fresh blueberries and sweet black plum with notes of mint leaf tea and cocoa in support. On the palate, the wine is fruit-forward and juicy followed by lovely richness and a touch of tannin in the finish. This wine begs you take another sip and savor!

### VINEYARD DETAILS

36% Riverside Vineyard Merlot *West Clone Unknown*, planted 1991, harvested 9/7/17  
33% Riverside Vineyard Merlot *East Clone 3*, planted 1998, harvested 9/6/17  
23% Theresa's Vineyard Merlot *clone ENT 348*, planted 2012, harvested 9/23/17  
3% Cliffside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon *Clone 337*, planted 2001, harvested 10/10/17  
3% Scott's Vineyard Malbec *Clone 4*, planted 2012, harvested 9/12/17  
1% Scott's Vineyard Cabernet Franc *clones 12, 4, ENT 623*, planted 2014, harvested 9/13/17  
1% Katie's Vineyard Cabernet Franc *clone UCD 1* planted 1987, harvested 9/25/17

### PRODUCTION NOTES

In 2017, Riverside Vineyard Merlot was the first of the season to be harvested for full color red wine. Some of the bigger tannin in this wine can likely be attributed to slightly shorter hangtime relative to some of the other reds. Similar to 2016, Theresa's Vineyard Merlot was softer and very juicy and served as a perfect complement to the more assertive Riverside Merlot.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**Varietal Composition:** 92% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Grand Valley AVA

**Harvest Dates:** 36% Riverside Vineyard Merlot *West Clone Unknown*, harvested 9/7/17  
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**Winemakers:** Bo Felton and Justin Jannusch

**RS:** 0.0 g/l   **ABV:** 14.8%   **pH:** 3.60   **TA:** 6.1 g/l

