

RESERVE



# Angeline

VINEYARDS

## MERLOT PASO ROBLES 2018

### VINEYARDS

Grown on the western edge of the Paso Robles AVA, these grapes experience a unique microclimate of very warm days countered by cool nights and mornings courtesy of the marine influence that penetrates through the Templeton Gap. Temperature fluctuations of as much as 50° F in a single day stress the grapes to produce concentrated, bold aromas and flavors.

### VINTAGE

From start to finish, 2018 was a very steady season, offering weather that was reminiscent of years prior to drought. Higher than average yields and excellent quality brought about a fruitful harvest beginning in late August.

### COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

### WINEMAKING

- Picked overnight
- Pumpovers are performed three times daily
- Wine sits on the skins for up to 10 days to broaden and soften the mouthfeel
- 14 months, 50% new French and American oak

### TASTING NOTES

A quintessential Paso Robles Merlot, this wine opens with rich blackberry, plum and hints of clove with fine, integrated tannins.

### PAIRING SUGGESTION

Rich and deep. Pairs perfectly with braised beef short ribs and creamy gorgonzola polenta.

ALCOHOL: 13.9% | BRIX: 24.5° | PH: 3.82 | TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.4 G/L