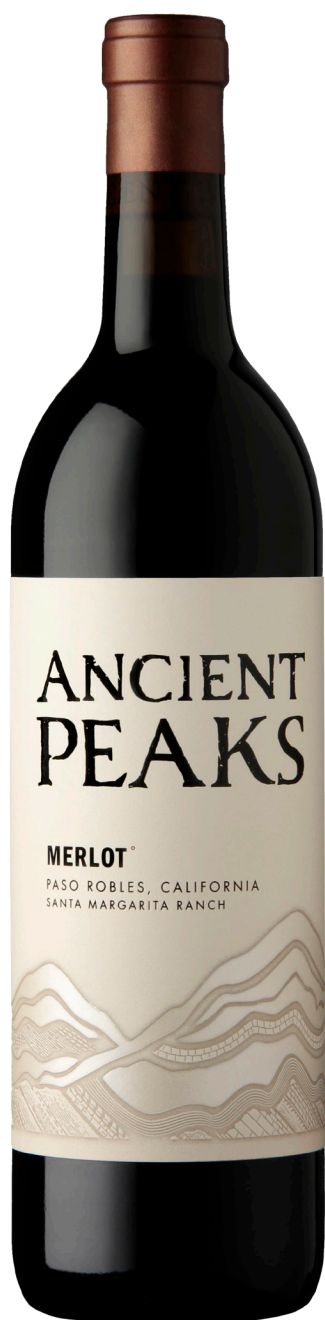


ANCIENT PEAKS

v. 2015 **MERLOT**

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



ACCOLADES

"GOLD"

2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

v.2014

"90 POINTS"

Wine Review Online

v. 2013

"90 POINTS"

San Francisco International Wine Competition

v. 2012

"88 POINTS...EDITOR'S CHOICE"

Wine Enthusiast

v. 2011

"89 POINTS...TOP 100 BEST BUYS OF THE YEAR..."

Wine & Spirits

v. 2010

"BEST OF THE WEST"

Wine Spectator

v. 2009

"90 POINTS"

The Tasting Panel

v. 2008

"90 POINTS...EDITOR'S CHOICE"

Wine Enthusiast

v. 2007

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Merlot offers warm aromas of blueberry and plum with enticing notes of clove, caramel and cigar box. A chewy, velvety texture delivers mouthfilling flavors of red cherry, cassis, cedar and vanilla bean. A touch of minty cocoa emerges on the finish, where bold tannins and luscious acidity conclude the wine on a resounding note.

CUISINE PAIRING

The robust character of the 2015 vintage is a favorable match for rich, flavorful fare. Recommended pairings included sautéed veal cutlets with mushrooms, pan-roasted duck breast, lamb chops with rosemary, New York strip steak and aged Gouda cheese.