



# CHAPPELLET

## 2019 Merlot

### Napa Valley

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#### The Wine

This supple and elegant mountain-grown Merlot continues to remind wine lovers how delicious Merlot can be. It was aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (40% new), and was blended with three of the other red Bordeaux varieties for added structure and complexity.

#### Growing Season & Harvest

The 2019 growing season began with cool, rainy weather throughout winter and spring, which delayed budbreak slightly and resulted in a robust crop and vigorous canopies. To create the desired vine balance, we thinned leaves and clusters extensively, doing as many as three fruit-dropping passes depending on the needs of each vine. The weather remained temperate throughout summer, followed by perfectly timed warm weather in October. As a result, our early ripening grapes yielded wines with dazzling aromatics, lovely energy and pure, fresh flavors, while our later-ripening varieties provided gorgeous color and concentration, with supple tannins and rich, soaring flavors.

#### Tasting Notes

Robust and remarkably aromatic, this wine begins with aromas of ripe black cherry, plum, baker's chocolate, roasted coffee beans, cedar and clove, with complex hints of coastal forests, fresh-tilled earth and fine herbs. The intense fruit and herb notes are echoed on the palate, where plush, fine-grained tannins and mouth-filling flavors of dark cherry, cassis and anise build to a long, velvety finish.

#### Wine Statistics

Harvested Oct 14 – Oct 21, 2019

25.5° – 26.5° Brix at Harvest

14.5% Alcohol

TA – 0.58g/100ml

pH – 3.67

#### Wine Blend

76% Merlot

12% Cabernet Sauvignon

9% Malbec

3% Petit Verdot