



2022 Napa Valley Merlot

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The Wine

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

Growing Season & Harvest

2022 began with generous winter rains that filled our reservoirs and saturated our soils. A cool, dry spring was followed by ideal summer weather with no days above 100° F until a significant heat event beginning near Labor Day. Thankfully, with extensive irrigation and careful canopy management to protect the fruit from the sun, we were able to respond to the heat on a block-by-block basis. Harvest began in early September and concluded on October 17, with our Red Bordeaux grapes picked at a range of ripeness levels to ensure abundant options at the blending table.

Tasting Notes

Beautifully complex and aromatic, this wine draws you in with effusive layers of black cherry, ripe berries, tobacco leaf, wild herbs, cinnamon, clove and roasted coffee. On the palate it is luxuriously smooth and round, with seamless tannins and lush, mouth-coating flavors of dark cherry, cassis, ginger, nutmeg and black tea gliding to a long, polished finish.

Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 7 – 28, 2022

25.5- 27.0° Brix at Harvest

14.8% Alcohol

TA .59 g/100 ml

pH 3.60

Bottled - June 2024

Wine Blend

76% Merlot

18% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Malbec

2% Petit Verdot

2% Cabernet Franc