



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



MERLOT 2018

Our Estate Vineyards provide the backbone to our Napa Valley Merlot. Black raspberry and plum fruit greet you in the glass, which is enhanced by graham cracker, caramel and tootsie roll aromas from the oak aging. Concentrated cherry jam fruit provides silky texture balancing the toasty, vanilla shortbread character.

“Our 2018 Merlot shows more of a serious side. While offering all the things that we love about Merlot — from cherry & chocolate aromas to its velvety texture — this wine also carries a weight that gives it additional age-worthiness.”

KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS, WINEMAKER

VINEYARD NOTES

- 57% Estate Grown:
Rockerbox – blueberry, spice, plums
Yountville Ranch – chocolate cherries
Hopper House – chewy, plum jam
Little Cannon – bright, lively cherry
Trubody – velvety plum texture
- Careful canopy management to allow filtered sunlight & water stress prior to harvest for intensity in the fruit
- Blended with: Cabernet (tannin structure), Petite Sirah (jammy mid-palate) & Syrah (spice)

HARVEST NOTES

- 2018 saw heavy winter rains and record rainfall followed by normal budbreak & bloom
- A cold spring and cool summer resulted in one of our latest harvests on record
- Harvested between:
9/21/2018 - 10/30/2018
- Above average crop size required several vineyard passes to fine tune fruit intensity
- Blend 74% NAPA GREEN® certified

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

87% Merlot
6% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petite Sirah
2% Syrah

ALCOHOL

14.6%

ACID / pH

Acid: 0.56 g/100 mls
pH: 3.67

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FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
13 Days Skin Contact

AGING

19 Months in Oak Barrels
30% New Oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2020

RELEASE DATE

March 2021

