

# MERRYVALE

## VINEYARDS

### 2019 Merlot Napa Valley



#### Winemaking

Sourced largely from vineyards located in the southern Napa Valley, the fruit was hand-picked and hand-sorted with each vineyard fermented separately. Temperatures peaked at 90°F during fermentation and the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine was aged 21 months in 100% French oak barrels (50% new). The wine was blended in spring of 2021 and bottled without fining or filtration the following June.

#### Vintage

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture has resulted in an amazing vintage.

#### Tasting Notes

Our Merlot is an occasion to showcase some of the best cool climate terroirs of Napa Valley. The fruit is drawn primarily from the volcanic soils of Coombsville and Carneros in southern Napa where Merlot is at its best—soft, dark, spicy and fragrant. The wine opens with notes of plums, violettes and baking spices. The palate shows great freshness and soft tannins, the hallmarks of a beautiful cool climate Merlot with a great drinkability, a great food wine. The wine is incredibly soft and pretty, with a balanced acidity. Drink now and over the next 10 years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	99% Merlot, 1% Malbec
Vineyards:	Truchard, Quail Knoll, Stagecoach
Cooperage:	50% new French oak barrels for 21 months
Alc:	14.6%
PH:	3.6
TA:	5.9 g/L

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