



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:  
95% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.54

TA: 6.1 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 28%  
new French oak

BOTTLED: August 1, 2019  
unfined and unfiltered



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## ESTATE COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

2017

### THE ESTATE COLLECTION

The Estate Collection is a series of limited-production wines available only at the Raymond Estate. Sourced from our finest estate vineyards and longtime vineyard partners, each wine represents our winemaking team's commitment to crafting wines worthy of our five generation winemaking legacy in Napa Valley.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The Merlot grapes for our Estate Collection Napa Valley wine are harvested from a vineyard in Oak Knoll while the Petit Verdot is from a vineyard in Coombsville. The cooler climate brings out the textural side of the wine and the rocky soils add density and good weight to the mid-palate.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After the grapes were hand-picked and sorted on October 4 and 5, the wine spent an average of 39 days on the skins before being aged for 18 months in 28% new French oak. The tightly grained barrels provide textural complexity, added depth, and a plush, full body.

### WINE PROFILE

This 2017 Estate Collection Merlot opens with a classic bouquet of black cherry, ripe plum and black pepper. Decadent flavors of mulling spices, blueberries and blackberries are layered with notes of cocoa and a touch of earthiness. This is a well-balanced wine with structured tannins and a seamless and elegant finish.