



2018 NAPA VALLEY

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MERLOT

2018 VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this 2018 Napa Valley Reserve Merlot were harvested between September 24 and October 30, 2018, from seven vineyards across Napa Valley. The majority of the grapes were harvested from Oak Knoll, which adds texture to the wine, while the fruit from St. Helena and Calistoga impart a richness and brightness. The grapes went through extended maceration before aging for 19 months in 17% new French oak.

Dense aromas of mocha and spice notes spring from the glass in this 2018 Napa Valley Reserve Merlot. Ripe dark fruit flavors of raspberry, blackberry and black plum are accented by notes of dark chocolate. Fine-grained tannins and a silky mouthfeel lead to a rich and lingering finish with hints of cocoa that linger.

APPELLATION | Napa Valley

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

AGING | 19 months in 17% new French oak

PH | 3.58

TA | 5.9 g/L

VARIETALS | 89% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc



THE DRESS CODE IS VELVET.

The velvet label symbolizes the texture, emotion, and feeling in the wine, the dynamic legacy of the Raymond family, and a vibrant vision of our future.

90 points

VINOUS

2018 VINTAGE

90 points

WINE SPECTATOR

2017 VINTAGE

90 points

WINE ENTHUSIAST

2016 VINTAGE

90 points

WINE ADVOCATE

2014 VINTAGE