



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:  
95% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.68

TA: 5.6 g/L

AGING: 20 months in 26%  
new French oak

BOTTLED: September 8,  
2020 unfiltered and unfiltered

VEGAN FRIENDLY



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## ESTATE COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

2018

### 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 were harvested from two vineyards. The St. Helena fruit brings freshness and vibrancy to the wine while the fruit from Yountville adds texture. The Petit Verdot brings the two Merlot vineyards together to create a nicely balanced wine.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After the grapes were hand-picked and sorted between September 24 and October 17, the wine spent an average of 37 days on the skins before being aged for 20 months in 26% new French oak. The tightly grained barrels provide textural complexity, added depth, and a plush, full body.

### WINE PROFILE

A dark purple in the glass with dark fruit aromas and hints of mocha and baking spice. The soft and velvety palate has layers of black cherry, boysenberry, raspberry and a touch of vanilla bean. Balanced with structured and juicy tannins, this is a full-bodied wine with good acidity. The finish is long and lingers.

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