



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:  
95% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.6% by vol.

PH: 3.5

TA: 5.6 g/L

AGING: 18-19 months in 29%  
new French oak



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## SMALL LOT COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MALBEC

2020

#### 2020 VINTAGE

2020 kicked off with ideal growing conditions. Mild temperatures led to evenly developed clusters and an early budbreak was followed by a warm to hot summer. Low winter rains resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Harvest started in early August and all things pointed to normal yields and exceptional fruit quality.

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from our Rutherford Estate which is farmed organically and biodynamically. A small portion of Petit Verdot from St. Helena is blended in to provide more density and helps balance out the tannins of the Malbec.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The fruit was hand-harvested between October 12 to October 16. The Malbec and Petit Verdot grapes were pressed off at dryness while the other varietals went through extended maceration for an average of 38 days on the skins.

#### WINE PROFILE

A brilliant purple in the glass, fragrances of raspberry, Bing cherry, and chocolate seduce the nose with an added sprinkle of earth. This is a full-bodied wine with a lush palate of strawberry, cocoa, toasted almond and cassis flavors. Elegant and refined tannins and integrated acidity are enhanced by an elegant and lingering finish.