



FOUNDER'S

TRADE 18 RANCH 75 MARK



Merlot

No

2019

VINTAGE



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Heavy spring rains enriched the soils and delayed bud break by a few weeks. A heat spike in June, followed by warm weather, brought even veraison throughout the vineyards. A cooling trend and touch of rain in mid-September created ideal conditions for the 2019 harvest which is considered a near-perfect vintage.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes were harvested from vineyards mostly found on the valley floor across Napa. Picked in the early morning hours to maintain freshness, the grapes went through extended maceration and the wine was aged for 15 months in 20% new French oak before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Lively dark fruit aromas of raspberry and boysenberry jump from the glass with notes of dark chocolate and a touch of earthy undertones. Beautifully textured with layers of black cherry, baked berry pie and spice cake are complemented by hints of vanilla bean. The plush palate leads to a juicy and balanced finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETALS: 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.73

TA: 5.83 g/L

Aging: 20% new French oak

Months in Barrel: 15