



## 2013 ESTATE COLLECTION NAPA VALLEY MERLOT



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** NAPA VALLEY

**VARIETALS:** 95% MERLOT, 5%  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ALCOHOL:** 15% BY VOL.

**TA:** 6.78 g/L

**PH:** 3.46

**AGING:** 100% FRENCH OAK,  
35% NEW, FOR 20 MONTHS

### 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 grapes for our Estate Collection Napa Valley Merlot are grown primarily on steep hillside vineyards in the southern reaches of Napa Valley with a small portion coming from our estate vineyard. The cooler climate and rocky soils of southern Napa allow the grapes to fully ripen without extreme heat and result in a rich and texturally complex Merlot.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

After the grapes were hand-picked and sorted, the wine spent an average of 20 days on the skins before being aged for 20 months in 35% new French oak. The tightly grained barrels provide textural complexity, added depth, and a plush, full body.

### WINE PROFILE

The 2013 vintage of our Estate Collection Merlot offers up aromas of black cherry and ripe plum. Decadent in the glass and with well structured, plush tannins, flavors of warm, fresh fruit, soft mulling spices and dark cherry mingle to a seamless, well balanced finish.