



# MERLOT

NAPA VALLEY

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2016

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## PRODUCTION

504 cases (12-pack 750ml)

## SOURCES

Yountville, Oakville,  
and Stags Leap

## BLEND

Merlot 93%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 2%  
Cabernet Franc 2%  
Malbec 1%  
Carmènère 1%  
Petit Verdot 1%

## HARVEST DATES

September 24, 25

## HARVEST BRIX

24.8° - 25.8°

## MACERATION

15 day native yeast  
fermentation

## AGING

22 months in  
French oak  
(62% new)

## PH TA

3.69 6.07 g/L

## TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Napa Valley Merlot is rich with aromas of cherries, plums, mint, graham crackers, and dusty leather. On the palate, the wine starts off soft, but drama soon builds as its substantial weight becomes apparent. Abundant blue and black fruit is accented by baking spices and caramel all while being buttressed by well integrated tannins.

## THE VINEYARDS

A combination of unique vineyard sites, each parcel adds to the layers of this wine and its polished, approachable character. Spanning three AVAs of Napa Valley, this wine is proof that sometimes the sum is greater than its parts.