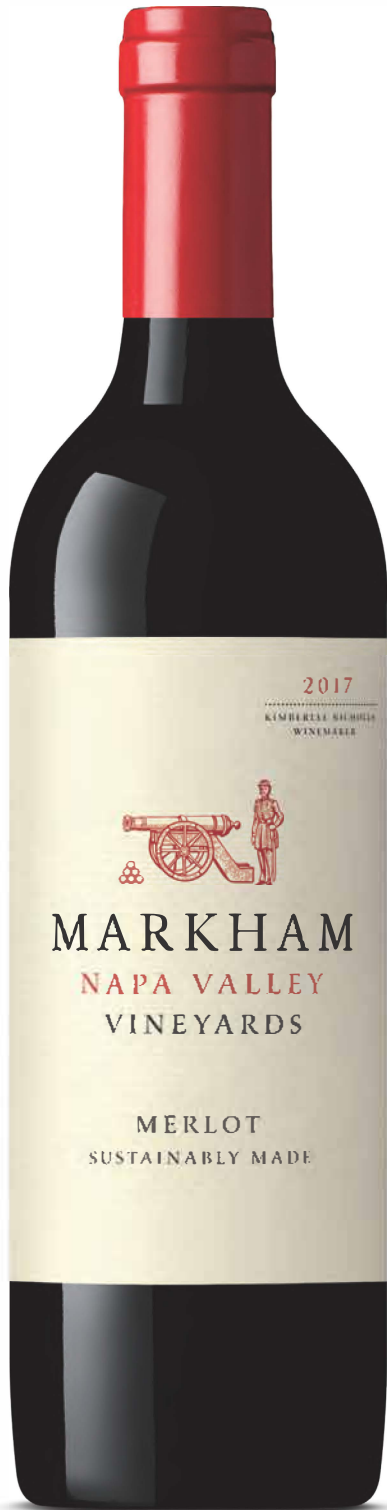




MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



MERLOT 2017

Our Estate Vineyards provide the backbone to this Napa Valley blend, with Oak Knoll's Little Cannon weighing in with a distinct sour cherry character while Yountville's Hopper House and Guardian vineyards add classic Bing cherry. Together, this showstopper has a lovely balance of candied cherry laced with dark chocolate aromas. Floral fruit runs from strawberry preserves to boysenberry and is accented with an assortment of baking spices. The velvety entry melts like chocolate on the palate providing a silky but dense mouthfeel with a long, intense finish.

"It's hard to imagine anything with which this wine wouldn't pair well ... but slow-braised short ribs on a bed of buttery mash must be top of the 'most decadent' list."

KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS, WINEMAKER.

VINEYARD NOTES

- A true Napa Valley blend: Little Cannon, Oak Knoll – sour cherry Hopper House & Guardian, Yountville – classic Bing cherry Up-Valley – jammy notes
- Canopies were closely managed to allow Merlot to hang freely in filtered sunlight.
- Fruit matured and colored evenly, free of vegetal tones.
- 90% of this blend is NAPA GREEN® certified.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

- 87% Merlot
- 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 3% Petite Sirah
- 1% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.6%

ACID

0.60 g/100 mls
pH: 3.59

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HARVEST NOTES

- 2017 brought floods, chill, heat and wildfire.
- Budbreak & bloom were on time after a late January chill.
- Summer heat dried the soils quickly.
- Our 40th vintage saw perfect harvest weather & incredible quality.
- Most fruit was safely cellared when the Oct. '17 wildfires brought Napa to a standstill.

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
Fermented 13 Days Skin Contact

AGING

15½ Months Aged in American Oak
32% New Oak Barrels

BOTTLING DATE

Bottled: May 2019
Released: Spring 2020

