

10 BARRELS. OVER 40 YEARS IN THE MAKING.



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS

VINTAGE 2017

THE CHARACTER

ESTATE VINEYARD BORDEAUX BLEND

The pinnacle of the Markham collection, *The Character* embodies the finest expression of our Napa Valley estate vineyards. Our passion for Merlot stretches back more than forty years, thus it seems only fitting that Merlot play the leading role in this blend of the five classic Bordeaux varietals: Bordeaux inspired—unique to Napa Valley.

“Of 6,000 barrels of wine in our cellar, only 10 were selected for this iconic estate-grown wine. Building upon the lush, velvety base of our finest lot of Yountville Ranch Merlot—Clone 181 from a north-facing block—the final blend was carefully composed to fully capture the rich color and chewy tannins that were the hallmark of the 2017 vintage in our Napa Valley vineyards.”

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

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VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% Estate Grown
94% Yountville Ranch, Yountville
- Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec
4% Rockerbox Vineyard, Calistoga
- Petit Verdot
2% Hopper House Vineyard, Yountville
- Cabernet Franc
- 100% NAPA GREEN LAND
& GREEN WINERY certified

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Our viticulture team hand tends key vineyard blocks throughout the season.
- Fruit is carefully hand picked and crushed into small fermenters for exceptional concentration.
- Individual lots aged separately 18 months in 100% new French Oak before blending then returned to barrel for an additional 12 months.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

68% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot,
2% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL

14.8%

ACID / pH

Acid: 0.575 g/100 mls
pH: 3.65

BARRELS PRODUCED

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HARVEST DATES

Sept. 7-Oct. 1, 2017

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
20 Days Skin Contact

AGING

30 mo. French Oak (100% New)

BOTTLING / RELEASE DATES

July 2020 / October 2021

CELLAR POTENTIAL

Enjoy Now Through 2027



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