



MARKHAM  
NAPA VALLEY  
VINEYARDS

DISTRICT SERIES | 2018

# MERLOT

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

With bright red cherry, white shortbread and dried blueberry fruit, our Oak Knoll Merlot is chewy and intense in a way that demands your attention. Enjoy a bottle to celebrate the place where Merlot first grew in Napa Valley—and still shines today—with an array of grilled sausages and crusty bread.

*“Cooled by the bay, Merlot grapes ripen slowly at our Little Cannon Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District providing complex, layered and distinctive cherry fruit character.”*

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS



VINEYARD NOTES

- Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley
- 100% Estate Grown:  
*Little Cannon Vineyard*
- 100% GREEN LAND & GREEN WINERY certified
- Clone selection:  
3 & 181
- Harvest dates:  
September 24-27, 2018
- 25.1° Brix at Harvest

HARVEST NOTES

- Verasion was three weeks late, followed by a temperate summer
- This vintage was preordained in Spring of 2016 when the vines set their 2018 crop load, storing away nutrients to produce higher than normal yields
- Care was taken to fine tune crop load to maximize fruit intensity
- After brief rains, fall heat ushered in harvest

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

ALCOHOL

14.8%

ACID / pH

Acid: 0.63 g/100 mls

pH: 3.63

BARRELS PRODUCED

16

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

AGING

21 Months in French Oak

43% New

BOTTLING DATE

August 2020

RELEASE DATE

May 2021

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