



MARKHAM  
NAPA VALLEY  
VINEYARDS

MARKED PARCELS | 2018

# MERLOT

HOPPER HOUSE VINEYARD  
YOUNTVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Our Hopper House Vineyard selection offers everything we love about merlot: briary blackberry, mocha and plum aromas that open to lush flavors of jammy ripe fig and baking spices, all supported by this varietal's signature round, plush tannins. Exceptionally food friendly, this wine would pair beautifully with a smoked Gouda and bacon macaroni & cheese.

*“On the north side of Hopper Creek, the bale loam soils and long, warm days are tempered at night by the creek’s cooling influence, offering the perfect terroir for exceptional Napa Valley Merlot.”*

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS



#### VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% Estate Grown: *Hopper House Vineyard*
- Adjacent to Yountville Ranch, this 15-acre property sits along the north-west edge of the Yountville District.
- 100% NAPA GREEN LAND & GREEN WINERY certified
- Clonal Selection: 181
- Bale loam soils
- Harvest date: 9/28/18

#### 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

14.5%

#### ACID / pH

Acid: 0.56 g/100 mls

pH: 3.58

#### BARRELS PRODUCED

8

#### FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

13 Days Skin Contact

#### AGING

20 Months in French Oak

50% New

#### BOTTLING DATE

August 2020

#### RELEASE DATE

September 2021

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