



## DISTRICT SERIES | 2018

# **MERLOT**

### OAKVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

With Rutherford to the north and Yountville to the south, we are thrilled to add this inaugural Oakville District release to our portfolio, sourced from the very heart of Napa Valley. Merlot shines in the Oakville terroir, offering lush herb-scented aromas of black tea, black cherry and dried plums. On the palate, black cherry leads, joined by flavors of cassis and briary spice, all leading to a round, ripe finish with powerful, grippy tannins.

"Oakville is where the character of Merlot and Cabernet collide. It is an interesting challenge to tame the district to allow Merlot to shine equally."

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Oakville District,
- Napa Valley
- Holmes Vineyard
- Soil Type: Gravelly Alluvial Loam
- Harvest Date:
  October 13, 2018

#### OAKVILLE AVA

- With Rutherford to the north and Yountville to the south, Oakville is one of Napa's most iconic AVAs
- Elevation from 130-1000 ft.
- Goldilocks climate, with heat from the north valley and cooling bay influence from the south

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

95% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.8%

ACID / PH

5.6 g/L TA | 3.61 pH

BARRELS PRODUCED

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#### FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

AGING

32 Months in French Oak

45% New

**BOTTLING DATE** 

August 2021

RELEASE DATE

September 2023

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