



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



MERLOT 2020

NAPA VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

Our Estate Vineyards provide the backbone to this vibrant Napa Valley Merlot. Aromas of ripe raspberry and plum jam emerge from the glass, enhanced by caramel notes from oak aging. A bright entry of red fruit flavors balanced by stunning minerality and notes of rich, velvety chocolate-covered cherries. A “Cab-Lovers” Merlot with structure, mid-palate weight, and a long, round finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
82% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Malbec

ALCOHOL
14.6%

ACID
0.60 g/100 mls

pH
3.69

ESTATE GROWN FRUIT
65%

BRIX AT HARVEST
25.2

FERMENTATION
100% Stainless Steel
15 Days Skin Contact

AGING
20 Months in Oak Barrels
30% New Oak

PRODUCTION
16,160 12pk Cases

BOTTLED
August 2022

RELEASED
April 2023

RECENT PRESS 2019: **92pts** 2019: **92pts** 2018: **91pts**
James Suckling The Tasting Panel Wine Spectator

PRICING

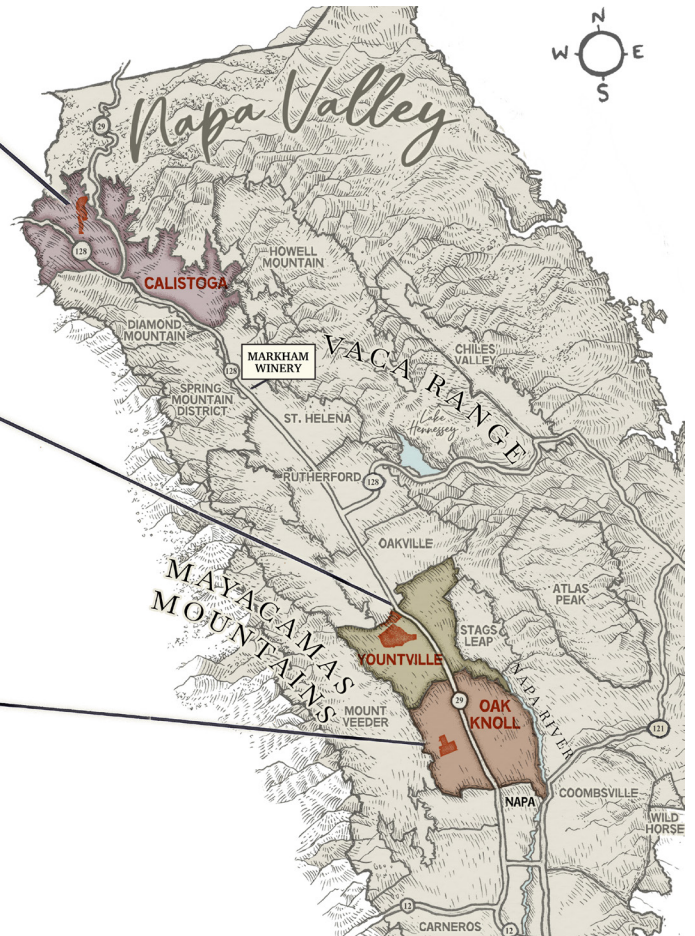
VINEYARD & HARVEST

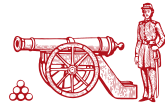
- Yountville Ranch - density, texture
- Hopper House - dark chocolate
- Little Cannon - red cherries, bright acidity
- Rockerbox - black cherry, minerality
- Blended with Cabernet Sauvignon (structure) and Malbec (plush texture)
- Napa Valley’s warm, dry winter didn’t begin to see rain and cold weather until the end of March
- A mild spring season lent to an early bud break, and summer brought both very cool mornings and warm days

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FROM THE
WINEMAKER



<p>CALISTOGA AVA</p> <p>ROCKERBOX VINEYARD ELEVATION 512' ACRES 72 CLIMATE Daytime summer temps may peak above 100°F and fall to low 40s at night. Breezy, tempering wind and fog flow through the Chalk Hill gap. VARIETALS Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot</p>
<p>YOUNTVILLE AVA</p> <p>YOUNTVILLE RANCH & HOPPER HOUSE VINEYARD ELEVATION 195' ACRES 103 CLIMATE Moderate with fog and marine influences; breezes keep afternoons cooler. Summer temps reach low 90s and drop to mid-50s at night. VARIETALS Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec</p>
<p>OAK KNOLL AVA</p> <p>LITTLE CANNON VINEYARD ELEVATION 130' ACRES 75 CLIMATE Moderate to cool with marine air & fog that lingers into late mornings; afternoon breezes. Summer temps reach low 90s and drop to mid-50s at night. VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Chardonnay</p>





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WOMEN-LED WINEMAKING & VITICULTURE TEAM

We're honored to have Winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls at the helm of the Markham winemaking team. When Kim began her career nearly three decades ago, she was one of the first female winemakers in the Napa Valley. Today, women winemakers in Napa Valley still only represent 12% of the total, and Kim remains among the very few who specialize in Merlot.

Markham's 260 acres of sustainably-farmed estate vineyards and land across Napa Valley allow Kim and the winemaking & viticulture team to showcase the diverse characteristics within this world-class growing region across our entire portfolio.

MARK OF CHARACTER

#1 Producer of Napa Valley Merlot — For more than 40 years, Markham has been dedicated to Bordeaux varietals with an unwavering commitment to Merlot.

Sustainably Made — Our winery and estate vineyards are certified by the *California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance* since July 2022.

Partnering with Purpose — We practice altruism by giving back to non-profit organizations committed to women's equity in the wine, culinary, and hospitality industries.



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SAUVIGNON BLANC

NAPA VALLEY

90 POINTS
James Suckling
2022 Vintage



CHARDONNAY

NAPA VALLEY

90 POINTS
James Suckling
2018 Vintage



MERLOT

NAPA VALLEY

92 POINTS
James Suckling
2019 Vintage



"SIX STACK" MERLOT

NORTH COAST, CA

NEW RELEASE
No UPC
2021 Vintage



THE ALTRUIST RED BLEND

NAPA VALLEY

92 POINTS
James Suckling
2018 Vintage



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

91 POINTS
James Suckling
2019 Vintage