



2021 | MARKED PARCELS LITTLE CANNON VINEYARD

MERLOT

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Crafted from a single parcel on Little Cannon Vineyard, this gorgeous Merlot opens with lush forest, bright cherry, and fresh plum aromas. On the palate, ripe red fruit, tobacco, and savory roasted mushroom join in. The medium body and round, velvety tannins make this wine incredibly food friendly. We love it with slow-braised short ribs on a bed of buttery mashed potatoes.

"Cooled by the bay, Merlot ripens slowly at this Oak Knoll District vineyard site, developing complex, layered and distinctive cherry fruit character."

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% Estate Grown: Little Cannon Vineyard
- Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley
- Certifications: NAPA GREEN LAND NAPA GREEN WINERY
- Clonal Selection: 3 & 181
- Harvest date: September 17, 2021

OAK KNOLL AVA

- Just south of Yountville, bound by the Napa River to the east and the Mount Veeder AVA to the west
- Marine influence from the San Pablo Bay makes Oak Knoll a "sweet spot," with temperatures averaging 10°F cooler than Upper Napa Valley
- Oak Knoll typically has the longest growing season in Napa Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

ALCOHOL

14.8%

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel17 Days Skin Contact

BARRELS PRODUCED

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AGING

18 Months in French Oak 80% New

BOTTLING DATE

March 2024

RELEASE DATE

May 2024

CRITIC SCORE

91 points,

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James Suckling, March 2024



