



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS

2022 | SPECIAL RELEASE

“RIGHT SIDE” RED BLEND

YOUNTVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

This limited-edition bottling pays tribute to *Sideways*, the 2004 cult-classic film that inadvertently made Merlot the unexpected underdog. Despite the left turn for our favorite varietal, our dedication to right-bank Bordeaux-style wines (which are often Merlot-driven) has never wavered. This blend was crafted as an homage to the main character Miles’ prized 1961 Château Cheval Blanc, offering an opulent nose of black cherry, wild mulberry, and plum elegantly framed by notes of tobacco, violet, and oolong tea.

“Join us in raising a glass to the complexity of preferences, the joy of contradiction, and staying on the ‘right side’ of the conversation about Merlot.”

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS



VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% Estate Grown:
100% Yountville Ranch Vineyard
- Vineyard & Winery Certification:
California Sustainable
Winegrowing Alliance
- Harvest Dates:
September 1-23, 2022
- Soils: Coombs Gravelly Loam

NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

- At 4,280+ acres Merlot ranks 3rd in Napa Valley vineyard plantings
- Napa’s cooler sub-avas show bright red cherry and higher acidity, while hotter areas develop intense brambly blackberry and chocolate notes
- Markham’s first vintage of Merlot was released in 1980; today we craft 12 unique Napa Valley Merlots

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

52% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Franc,
11% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL

13.9%

BARRELS PRODUCED

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FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
26 Days Skin Contact

AGING

21 Months in French Oak
67% New

BOTTLING DATE

July 2024

RELEASE DATE

September 2024



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