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NAPA VALLEY
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MARKED PARCELS | 2021

MERLOT

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

In celebration of Markham’s 45th Anniversary, this special limited-edition release was crafted from the extraordinary Fay Vineyard—the Stags Leap District site from which Markham’s very first Merlot hailed in 1980. Celebrating the culmination of knowledge, expertise and passion for Merlot, this release is full of lush, ripe cherry fruit, velvety tannins and vibrant acidity.

“Markham’s first Merlot came from this vineyard & I love when life comes full circle, especially remembering Stag’s Leap Wine Cellar’s founder Warren Winiarski’s now-definitive description of Stags Leap District wines: ‘an iron fist in a velvet glove.’”

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

VINEYARD NOTES

- Appellation: Stags Leap District
- 100% Fay Vineyard
- Clone: 181
- Soils: Volcanic Gravel/Loam
- Harvest date: September 8, 2021

STAGS LEAP AVA

- A “valley within a valley” where coarse soils retain little water causing low vigor vines and intensely flavored fruit
- Daily temperatures rise quickly, but in the afternoon the hills funnel cool marine air from the San Pablo Bay through the corridor.
- Cooler nighttime temperatures give fruit excellent acid/sugar balance.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

ALCOHOL

14.8%

BARRELS PRODUCED

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FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
30-42 Days Skin Contact

AGING

19 Months in French Oak
64% New

BOTTLING DATE

July 2023

RELEASE DATE

November 2023