

MERLOT 2022

NAPA VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

Our Estate Vineyards provide a third of the fruit for this velvety Napa Valley Merlot. Aromas of cherry, plum and tea are enhanced by toast notes from oak aging. Ripe plum and cherry jam flavors are balanced by spicy oak. A “Cab-Lovers” Merlot with fleshy mid-palate structure and a long, round finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

95% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.5%

ACID

6.0g/L

pH

3.63

ESTATE GROWN FRUIT

32%

HARVEST DATES

9/2/2022 - 9/29/2022

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

17 Days Skin Contact

AGING

18 Months in Oak Barrels

30% New Oak

PRODUCTION

19,060 12pk cases

BOTTLED

August 2024

RELEASE DATE

March 2025

RECENT PRESS 2021: **91pts**
James Suckling

2019: **92pts**
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2018: **91pts**
Wine Spectator

PRICING

VINEYARD & HARVEST

- Little Cannon - red cherries, bright acidity
- Yountville Ranch - density, texture
- Rockerbox - black cherry, minerality
- Blended with Cabernet Sauvignon (structure) and Malbec (plush texture)
- The 2022 harvest was on track until a triple-digit heat spell in early September, quickly followed by rain, then mild, breezy weather
- This unique weather resulted in a vintage that showcases the full range of flavors from crisp and vibrant to dense and powerful

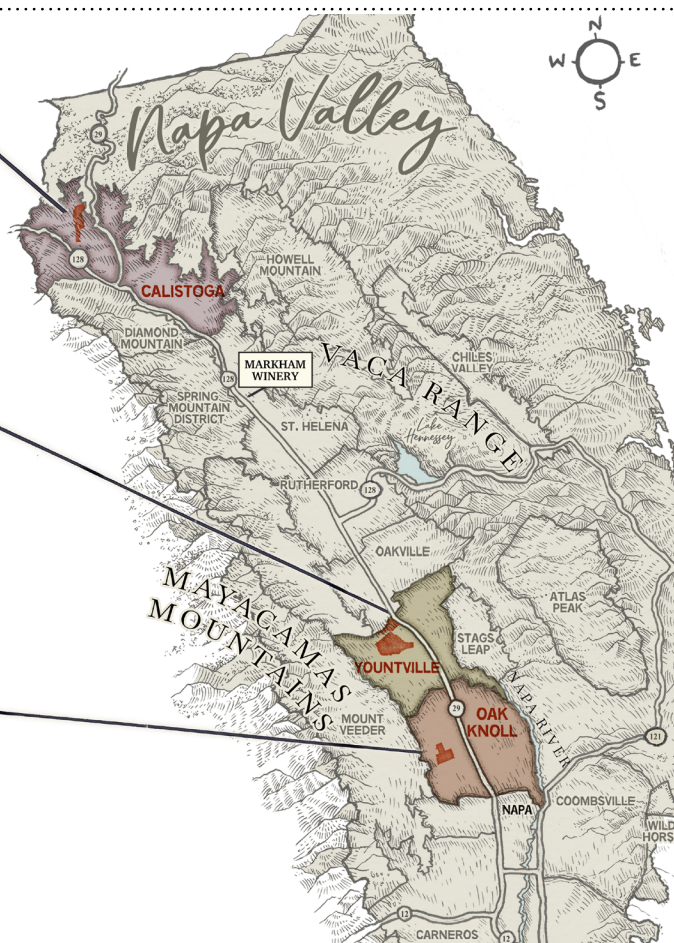
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CALISTOGA AVA
ROCKERBOX VINEYARD
ELEVATION 512'
ACRES 72
CLIMATE Daytime summer temps may peak above 100°F and fall to low 40s at night. Breezy, tempering wind and fog flow through the Chalk Hill gap.
VARIETALS Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot

YOUNTVILLE AVA
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

OAK KNOLL AVA
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





MARKHAM

NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



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 three decades ago, she was one of the first female winemakers in the Napa Valley. Today, women winemakers in Napa Valley still only represent 18% 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

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

A Napa Valley Pioneer — Continuously operated as a winery in St. Helena since 1879. Farming 200+ acres of estate vineyards across premier AVAs for almost 50 years.

A Commitment to Exceptional Winemaking — Consistency and expertise with more than 30 years with Winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls, a Legacy Award recipient by the North Bay Business Journal.



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THE ALTRUIST
RED BLEND
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