



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS

DISTRICT SERIES | 2017

MERLOT

ESTATE VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY

An intensely vivid version of Merlot. Exotic açai berry is layered over floral aromatics of Satsuma plums and sour cherry brightness. The lush, ripe fruit entry weaves seamlessly into the raspberry compote flavors with hints of dark chocolate and cocoa in this muscular, chewy wine. Roasted lamb lollipops served on a fresh herb farro salad would be a heavenly match.

"Blending Merlot together from our each of our estates makes me feel like I've given the cousins a spectacularly delicious playdate."

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS



VINEYARD NOTES

- 100% NAPA GREEN WINERY & LAND Certified
- 100% Estate Grown:
- Yountville Estate (50%)
- Hopper House (23%)
- Little Cannon (27%)
- Harvested September 7 – 30, 2017

HARVEST NOTES

- Budbreak and bloom were on time after a late January chill.
- Summer heat dried the soils quickly.
- Small berry size and low yields made for dense and powerful flavor profile.
- Our 40th vintage saw perfect harvest weather and incredible quality.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% MERLOT

ALCOHOL

15%

ACID / pH

Acid: 0.64 g/100 mls

pH: 3.40

BARRELS PRODUCED

16

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

14 Days Skin Contact

AGING

17 1/2 Months in French Oak

50% New

BOTTLING DATE

July 2019

RELEASE DATE

Summer 2019





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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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ABOUT OUR MARK
OF CHARACTER



SAUVIGNON
BLANC
NAPA VALLEY

90 POINTS
Wine Enthusiast
2018 Vintage



CHARDONNAY
NAPA VALLEY

90 POINTS
James Suckling
2018 Vintage



MERLOT
NAPA VALLEY

91 POINTS
Wine Spectator
2018 Vintage



THE ALTRUIST
RED BLEND
NAPA VALLEY

90 POINTS
Wine Spectator
2017 Vintage



CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

92 POINTS
James Suckling
2017 Vintage