

2021 | DISTRICT SERIES

# MERLOT

CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY



MARKHAM  
NAPA VALLEY  
VINEYARDS

*“At the northwest edge of Napa Valley, Rockerbox Vineyard sits at the foot of Mount Saint Helena where the headwaters of the Napa River begin. The 60-acre vineyard is cradled in a natural canyon, and vines root deeply in the rocky, gravelly soils to produce Merlot with aromas of cranberries, black cherries and graphite, and a palate lush with bright raspberry, light notes of vanilla and a touch of cedar”*

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS



## VINEYARD NOTES

- Calistoga AVA, Napa Valley
- 100% Estate Grown: Rockerbox Vineyard
- Certification: 100% NAPA GREEN LAND & WINERY
- Clone: 181
- Soil Type: Bale Gravelly Loam
- Harvest Date: Sept 10, 2021

## CALISTOGA AVA

- At the northern edge of the valley, Calistoga is one of the warmest and driest of Napa's sub-AVAs
- Bordered by mountains on three sides, soils are primarily volcanic
- Daytime temps of 100°F are moderated by tempering wind and fog that flow through the Chalk Hill gap, falling to low 40s at night

## HARVEST NOTE

- The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields of intensely-aromatic, flavorful fruit, with a smooth and uneventful harvest season
- January and February saw rain, then almost no notable precipitation for flower, bloom and set
- Grapes ripened early and evenly during a summer with no heat spikes

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

## ALCOHOL

14.2%

## PH

3.65

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5.5 g/L

## BARRELS PRODUCED

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## FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel, 15 Days Skin Contact

## AGING

22 Months in French Oak

40% New

## BOTTLING DATE

August 2023