

MERLOT 2023

NAPA VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

Our 2023 Merlot is made with fruit sourced from the best sites in Napa Valley, including our estate-owned vineyards in the Calistoga, Yountville and Oak Knoll AVAs. Ripe plum and cherry jam flavors are balanced by spicy oak and lively acidity, producing a balanced, food-friendly Merlot that pairs with a wide range of cuisines.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

94% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.6%

ACID

5.9g/L

pH

3.57

ESTATE GROWN FRUIT

18%

HARVEST DATES

9/25/2023 - 10/31/2023

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

14 Days Skin Contact

AGING

18 Months in Oak Barrels

32% New Oak

PRODUCTION

21,000 12-pk cases

BOTTLED

August 2025

RECENT PRESS

2022: **90pts**
James Suckling

2021: **91pts**
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2019: **92pts**
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2018: **91pts**
Wine Spectator

ESTATE VINEYARDS IN THIS RELEASE

CALISTOGA

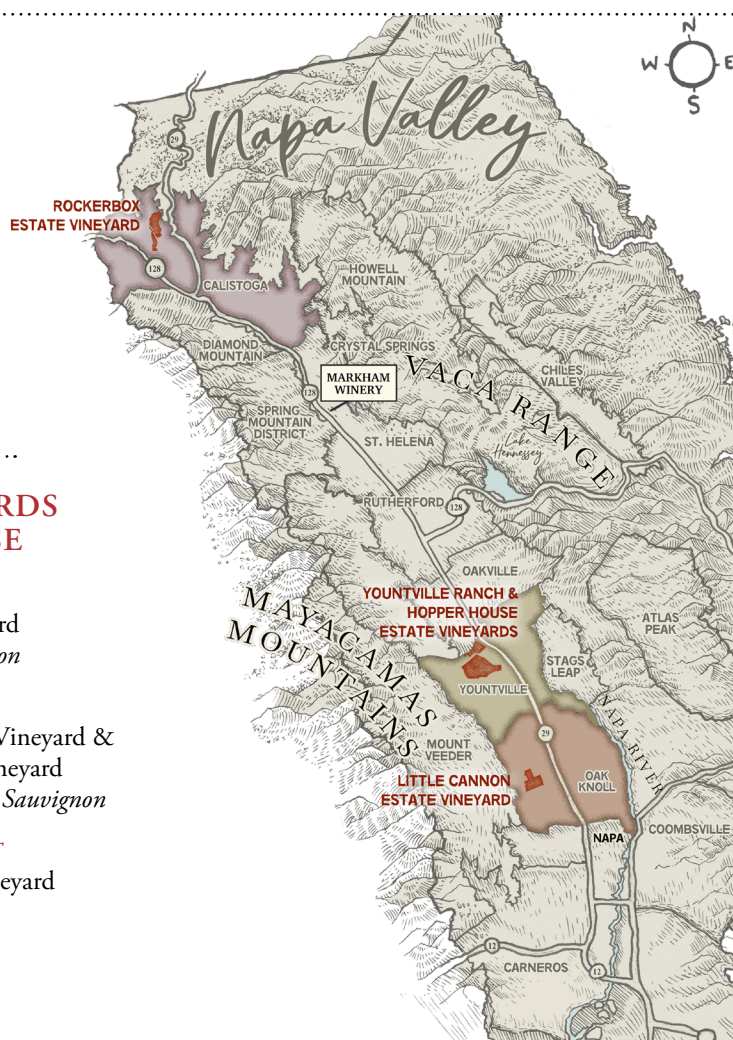
Rockerbox Estate Vineyard
Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

YOUNTVILLE

Yountville Ranch Estate Vineyard &
Hopper House Estate Vineyard
Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT

Little Cannon Estate Vineyard
Merlot



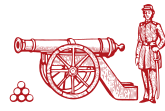
PRICING

VINEYARD & HARVEST

- Rockerbox: black cherry, minerality
- Yountville Ranch: density, texture
- Little Cannon: red cherries, bright acidity
- 2023 was the longest growing season on record, with late starts for all growing milestones: bud-break, bloom, fruit set, veraison and harvest. Harvest started a week after Labor Day but went smoothly and finished relatively early.
- Consistent, mild weather and long hangtimes resulted in excellent quality for both reds and whites, with the wines showcasing beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and excellent balance. An exceptional vintage.

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MARKHAM





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 more than 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

Top 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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NORTH COAST



THE ALTRUIST
RED BLEND
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