



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



DISTRICT SERIES | 2018

MERLOT

YOUNTVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Ripe red fruit character mingles with plum, currant and raspberry notes. Barrel spices come across rather exotically, centering on cardamom, vanilla and tobacco leaf. We find the Yountville District offers distinctly chalky tannins that aid in its ageability. Pair with an equally textured meal, such as butter-based herb-crusted steak, to achieve perfect gastronomical balance.

“Our Yountville Ranch Vineyard stole my heart years ago. How can anyone be surprised that grapes have been planted in this location for 150 years?”

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

VINEYARD NOTES

- Yountville District, Napa Valley
- 100% Estate Grown:
Yountville Ranch Vineyard
- 100% GREEN LAND & GREEN WINERY certified
- Clone selection:
181 & Three Palms
- Harvest dates:
September 28-October 12, 2018
- 24.8° Brix at Harvest

HARVEST NOTES

- Verasion was three weeks late, followed by a temperate summer
- This vintage was preordained in Spring of 2016 when the vines set their 2018 crop load, storing away nutrients to produce higher than normal yields
- Care was taken to fine tune crop load to maximize fruit intensity
- After brief rains, fall heat ushered in harvest

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

ALCOHOL

14.5%

ACID / pH

Acid: 0.62 g/100 mls

pH: 3.54

BARRELS PRODUCED

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FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel

AGING

20 Months in French Oak

45% New

BOTTLING DATE

August 2020

RELEASE DATE

May 2021

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