



MARKHAM
NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



91
PTS

MERLOT 2021

NAPA VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

Our Estate Vineyards provide the backbone to this vibrant Napa Valley Merlot. Aromas of ripe raspberry and plum jam emerge from the glass, enhanced by caramel notes from oak aging. A bright entry of red fruit flavors balanced by stunning minerality and notes of rich, velvety chocolate-covered cherries. A “Cab-Lovers” Merlot with structure, mid-palate weight, and a long, round finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

91% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.5%

ACID

0.58 g/100 mls

pH

3.6

ESTATE GROWN FRUIT

62%

HARVEST DATES

9/2/2021 - 10/15/2021

FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel
15 Days Skin Contact

AGING

16 Months in Oak Barrels
30% New Oak

PRODUCTION

25,070 12pk Cases

BOTTLED

May 2023

RELEASED

November 2023

RECENT PRESS 2021: 91pts 2019: 92pts 2018: 91pts
James Suckling James Suckling Wine Spectator

PRICING

VINEYARD & HARVEST

- Yountville Ranch - density, texture
- Hopper House - dark chocolate
- Little Cannon - red cherries, bright acidity
- Rockerbox - black cherry, minerality
- Blended with Cabernet Sauvignon (structure) and Malbec (plush texture)
- The growing season began with very little rain, leading to smaller yields per vine and concentrated berries
- Warm days with cool nights, grapes were allowed to ripen fully during an uneventful harvest

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.

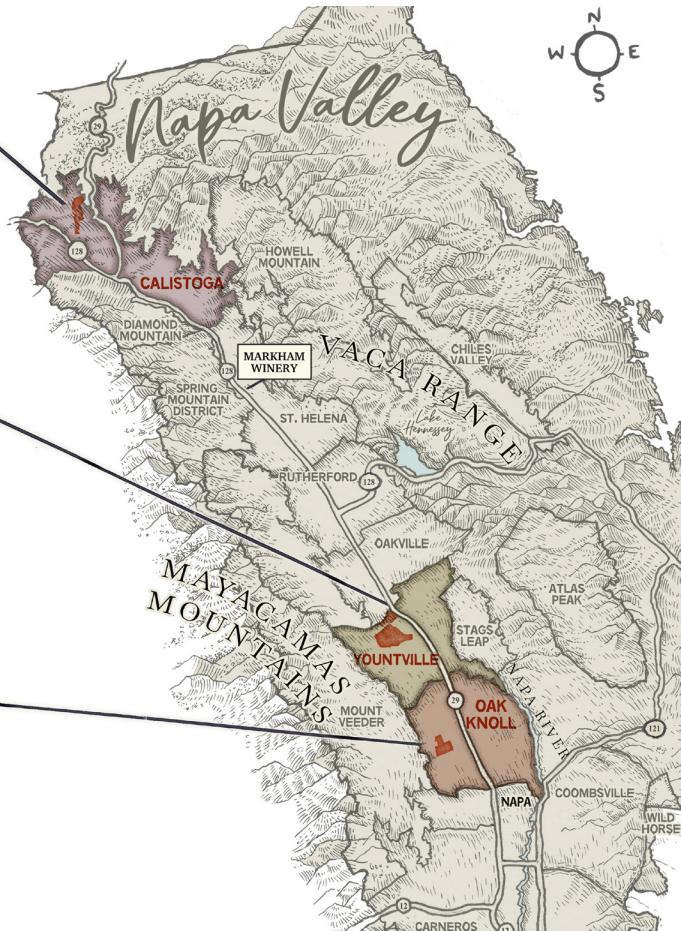
VARIETALS Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec

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



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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 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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**SAUVIGNON
BLANC**
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**"SIX STACK"
MERLOT**
NORTH COAST, CA



**THE ALTRUIST
RED BLEND**
NAPA VALLEY



**CABERNET
SAUVIGNON**
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2022 Vintage

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NEW RELEASE
No UPC
2021 Vintage

93 POINTS
Wine Enthusiast
2019 Vintage

92 POINTS
Wine Enthusiast
2020 Vintage