



2018
MENDOCINO COUNTY | SONOMA COUNTY
MERLOT



In the spirit of discovery, our winemakers constantly explore different terroirs throughout California to discover regions that will partner perfectly with our Sonoma grapes and create wines that tell the story of the land.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sourced from two of California's best regions for Merlot: Mendocino County and Sonoma County
- Surrounded by the Mendocino Mountain range and redwood forests, Mendocino County's rugged terroir is ideal for creating fresh, fruity Merlot grapes that blend perfectly with the rich and spicy flavors of grapes from Sonoma County.
- The various Merlot blocks were picked from September 9th through October 13th and fermented separately. The wines were aged with approximately 30% new oak before final blending.

TASTING NOTES

"Our Merlot is round and balanced with inviting aromas of blackberry jam, dark chocolate, blueberry and subtle touches of toasty oak. The palate is rich with flavors of black plum, soft tannin and a lingering finish.

Zeke Neeley, Winemaker

FOOD PAIRINGS

- Grilled Beef & Mushroom Burger
- Pasta with Artichoke Hearts and Tomatoes
- Seared Ahi Tuna Salad

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation:
51% Mendocino County
49% Sonoma County

Composition:
87% Merlot
9% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5 %

pH: 3.57

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

GROWING REGIONS



SUSTAINABILITY

Our packaging materials contain a high percentage of recycled content, and we are reducing our carbon footprint by using lighter weight glass sourced from local vendors.

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