



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:

64% Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, 5%
Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.75

TA: 6.3 g/L

AGING: 18-19 months in 37% new
French oak



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

SMALL LOT COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MERITAGE

2020

2020 VINTAGE

The 2020 kicked off with ideal growing conditions. Mild temperatures led to evenly developed clusters and an early budbreak was followed by a warm to hot summer. Low winter rains resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Harvest started in mid September and all things pointed to normal yields and exceptional fruit quality.

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this Meritage are grown in the famed Napa Valley appellation across five vineyards. The Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on the hillsides surrounding Rutherford and produces nice, concentrated fruit. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc are from vineyards on the east side of St. Helena while the Malbec and Petit Verdot are both grown within the Rutherford AVA which has heavier soils and provides more structure to the wine.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The fruit was hand-harvested between October 6 to October 14. The Merlot and Malbec grapes were pressed off at dryness while the other varietals went through extended maceration for an average of 36 days on the skins.

WINE PROFILE

Dressed in a resplendent shade of regal purple, this wine allures the senses with its enchanting bouquet of luscious Bing cherry, tantalizing raspberry, and indulgent chocolate, accompanied by a subtle touch of earthy allure. Majestically full-bodied, the palate is adorned with opulent layers of succulent strawberry, velvety mocha, toasted almond, and vibrant cassis flavors. The refined tannins and seamlessly integrated acidity enhance the symphony of tastes, while the elegant and enduring finish leaves a lasting impression, as if time itself slows down in admiration.