



2019 ESTATE MT. GEORGE | COOMBSVILLE

# MERLOT

## WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

### CLONES

181 and UCD 3

### HARVEST DATES

September 14, 2019

### BRUX AT HARVEST

Average 24.9°

### MACERATION

Average 17 days

### BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in 37% new French oak

### OVERALL OAK PROFILE

94% French oak, 6% Hungarian  
(Saury, Allary, Nadalie, Baron)

pH: 3.40 | TA: 6.00 g/L | RS: 0.037%

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by volume

PRODUCTION: 5,979 6-pack cases

### WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

## HERITAGE

**MT. GEORGE (100%)** – Located east of Napa in Coombsville, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. It climbs the western slopes of an ancient volcano whose name the vineyard bears.

## SOILS + CLIMATE

The cooler climate and deep, gravelly soils derived from volcanic rock and ash provide depth to this structured Merlot.

## VINTAGE

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

## TASTING NOTES

Aromas of savory herbs such as dried bay leaf and thyme join earthy tobacco leaves and sweet clove. The wine hits the palate with a silky, smooth texture and juicy bright red fruits suggesting pomegranate and berries. Well integrated oak, earth, and spice notes complement the fruit and lead to a long cocoa finish.

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