



2020 Merlot Livermore Valley

Description: Bold and complex layers on the nose including dark berry, plum, and mocha. Highly concentrated flavors on the nose of blackberry, plum, mocha, and baking spices. Good tannin and acid balance with long lasting finish.

<u>Vineyard Notes:</u> This is the first year that we produce our Merlot with Thatcher Bay fruit. Thatcher Bay is located on the east side of Livermore at a high elevation. The afternoon winds cool down the fruit to make this a moderately warm climate. The Merlot thrives from the hot days, cooling evenings, and significantly cooler nights. The trellis is overhead quadrilateral which provides ample shading of the grapes.

Varietals: 87% Thatcher Bay Merlot

7% Galles Cabernet Sauvignon5% White Cat Vineyard Malbec1% Smith Ranch Petit Verdot

Awards: Gold Medal – 2023 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Barrel Treatment: 19 Months in French Oak (40% New and 60% Once Used)

Bottling Date: May 27, 2022

Cases Produced: 112

Vital Statistics:

Al 15.1% Alcohol by Volume

TA .67 pH 3.59

List Price: \$39.00 bottle

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