

2019 RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

Deep shades of red and purple commence this wine. Luscious, fresh black plum with some notes of dark, ripe raspberry, anise, and toasted oak combine with a hint graphite. Flavors of rich black cherry and mocha coupled with a subtle cinnamon, clove, and toffee. A smooth, silky pallet with elegant tannins presents this wine. Enjoy!

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"Aromas of crushed red and black cherries, ground spice and garden herbs. Full-bodied with velvety tannins. Inky, but not brooding, with subtle intensity and very good length. Nicely balanced."

- James Suckling, September 2022

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Wine Spectator

"Opens with a burst of succulent black cherry and then turns on the structure, layering in savory herb and toasty spice flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2029. 1,250 cases made."

- Tim Fish, November 2022

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JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2019 Merlot Rutherford Estate Vineyard comes all from Rutherford and is medium to full-bodied, and balanced, with juicy blueberry and cherry fruits, a kiss of spice and leafy herbs, nicely integrated acidity, and a clean finish. It's another impeccably made wine from this team. The blend is 77% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Petit Verdot. I'd be thrilled to drink a bottle."

- Jeb Dunnuck, February 2023



