2018 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE Merlot

A burgundy shade of red commence this wine. Aromas of black plum and black cherry combine with graphite, milk chocolate, and black pepper with a subtle thread of vanilla from the toasted oak. This is a generous merlot with nice freshness on the palate showcasing juicy blackberry and toasted oak. There is a cocoa powder texture with smooth tannins and a long finish.



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"This is always an excellent merlot with blackberry, chocolate and hazelnut character. It's full and tight with balance and freshness. Shows verve and brightness."

James Suckling, June 2021



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"Including 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and small amounts of other varieties, the 2018 Merlot Rutherford Estate Vineyard reveals a deep purple hue to go with impressive purity in its cassis and mulberry fruits as well as notes of chocolate, cedary herbs, and tobacco. It shows the vintage's pure, elegant style yet has terrific concentration, ripe tannins, a good spine of acidity, and a great finish."

Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021

ADDITIONAL ACCOLADES

2018 VINTAGE
90 POINTS | Wine Spectator

2017 VINTAGE 92 POINTS | James Suckling 90 POINTS | Wine Spectator



