



2021 ESTATE MT. GEORGE | COOMBSVILLE

# MERLOT

## WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

### BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 24.3°

### MACERATION

Average 17 days

### BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in French  
and Hungarian oak

pH: 3.65 | TA: 5.8 g/L | RS: 0.210%

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by volume

### WINEMAKER

Alison Rodriguez

## 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 2021 vintage will be remembered for its high-quality, with intensely flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth harvest season. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the second year of dry conditions in Napa Valley, creating a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes produced an amazing vintage.

## 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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