



2017

Merlot

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT
OF NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Deep red color with garnet under tones. Ripe, fresh fruit on the nose with red cherries and blackcurrant, subtle vanilla spice oak and mocha/chocolate on the finish. A soft entry leads to lively tastes of black and red fruit with a toasty oak flavor. It is a well-balanced, food-friendly wine.

BLEND

91% Merlot

(Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley)

7% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Merlot expressed traditional red fruit notes with a touch of oak. The wine was fermented in a stainless steel tank and aged in 100% French oak barrels for 22 months. Blending took place in July 2019 where we added Malbec for its plum-like flavors and fruit intensity and Cabernet Franc is added for its floral element.

BOTTLING

Date: July 30, 2019

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH 3.53, Total Acidity 6.3g/L

Released: March, 2020

VINEYARD NOTES

2017 is the fourth year Greyscale Wines produced a Merlot from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Located in the southern end of the Napa Valley with cooler temperatures, many believe this region provides the best terroir to produce premium Merlot wine. Because the vineyard is near the Mayacamas Mountain benchland, it has a significant component of alluvial soil which contains organic material making the area quite fertile. It is planted to Merlot Clone 181 that traces its origins to Pomerol in Bordeaux.

MERLOT

AVA: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Harvest Date: 10/9/2017

Brix: 26.5, TA: 4.0

pH: 3.61



ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

“Making wine is living a dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley”.

Jean & Larry Rowe
Proprietors

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 25 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years in the lab at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val and later ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.



“Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey”

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