



2019

Merlot

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT
OF NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Deep red color with garnet under tones. Ripe, fresh fruit on the nose with cassis, red current, blackcurrant notes. Subtle oak notes. A soft, but weighty, entry leads to lively tastes of black and red fruit, black pepper, and a touch of spice. Tannins are soft and well-integrated. This is a well-balanced, food-friendly wine.

BLEND

100% Merlot
(Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley)

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Merlot expressed traditional red fruit notes with a subtle touch of oak. The wine was fermented in a stainless steel tank and aged in 100% French oak barrels (50% new) for 19 months. The Merlot offered a complete and balanced wine so no blending grapes were added. This is the first time that we have produced a 100% varietal wine.

BOTTLING

Date: July 13, 2021

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH 3.53, Total Acidity 6.2g/L

Released: July, 2022

VINEYARD NOTES

2019 is the sixth year Greyscale Wines produced a single vineyard Merlot from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Located in the southern end of the valley with cooler temperatures, many believe this region provides the best terroir for 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.

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AVA: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Harvest Date: 10/25/2019

Brix: 28, TA: 4.2

pH: 3.68



ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

“Making wine is living our 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 Tavakoli 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 where he 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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