

An Exceptional Estate-Grown Limited Production Merlot

2018 MERLOT

Estate, Mt. Veeder- Napa Valley

The 2018 vintage in Napa Valley has been dubbed by wine critics as a remarkable vintage of drinkability and balance. An ideal growing season, followed by a slow and steady harvest allowed grapes to achieve perfect ripeness, resulting in bright fruit flavors, balanced acidity, and concentrated color.

From our prized vineyard, the 2018 Mt. Veeder Estate Merlot illustrates yet again that the terroir on our Mt. Veeder site is a perfect match for this varietal. Sure to bolster the already esteemed 2018 Napa Valley vintage, this Merlot exhibits exceptional depth and structure, along with a fantastic black fruit profile that includes blackberries, meats, sweet smoke, and dark chocolate. Balanced richness and firm mountain tannins help the finish endlessly linger. Ready to enjoy now through at least 2030.

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Passion and Distinction Produces Exceptional Wines

With a passion for wine and a desire to produce small quantities of handcrafted wines from the most distinctive and promising vineyards in the Napa Valley, Proprietors Julie and Justin Arbuckle formed Anthem Winery in 2009. Anthem's guiding principle is simple- only the highest quality, from vine to bottle.

Crafting Anthem's ultra-premium wines is Winemaker, Jeff Ames. An explosive talent, Jeff has made some of California's most acclaimed wines from some of Napa Valley's most notable vineyards. Estate Vineyard Manager is John Anthony Truchard. John brings a rare skillset as he is an experienced viticulturist, an expert vineyard manager, and personally familiar with Napa's top vineyards.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

WINEMAKER: Jeff Ames

VINEYARD: Planted in 1998

COMPOSITION: 89.6% Merlot,

8.3% Cabernet, 0.4% Cab Franc,

1.7% Petit Verdot

CLONE: C3

HARVEST DATE: Oct. 5, 2018

ROOTSTOCK: 3309

CROP YIELD: 3 tons/acre

OAK: 100% French, 100% new

AGING: 18 months in barrel, 17 months in bottle before release, un-

fined + unfiltered

PRODUCTION: 55 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.7%%













