

## 2000 Napa Valley Merlot

Picking Dates:	Sept. 25 – Sept. 27, 2000
Vineyards / Varieties:	Cafaro Family Vineyard (Napa Valley) / Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon Krupp Vineyard (Atlas Peak-Napa Valley) / Merlot Truchard Vineyard (Carneros-Napa Valley) / Merlot
Oak Barrels:	95% French and 5% American (50% New)
Time in Barrels:	21 months
Varietal Composition:	98% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard Composition:	81% Cafaro Family Vineyard, 15% Krupp, 4% Truchard
Cases Produced:	1250 cases of 750 ml 360 cases of 375 ml 25 cases of 1.5 L 6 bottles of 3 L

With the 2000 vintage we take one more step to becoming completely estate grown grapes. The 2000 Merlot is very well balanced with strong Merlot aroma of tea and herbs. The 2000 vintage is very accessible and ready to drink with a wide range of dishes. The flavors and aromas are forward and ripe without being overpowering – a wine that goes with food. There is also a touch of cedar from the oak barrels. The combination of structure, depth and richness makes this 2000 Merlot drinkable now but it could easily age if you can wait. Please enjoy our 2000 Merlot with family and friends.

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