



2018 The Riley Red Blend

Napa Valley



TASTING NOTES

Brawny, substantial and complex, this wine offers dusty dried herb, sage, and smooth tannin. Cedar, red currant, and plum enhance the palate, finding balance and a bright lift of acidity. The oak is well integrated and nuanced in nutmeg and clove with a luscious and lengthy finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Riley is Frank Family's Merlot-driven red blend, named for Rich and Leslie Frank's late German Shepherd rescue. It's kept to limited production and the blend composition changes from year to year depending on what Mother Nature gives us. Regardless of vintage, Merlot will always be the dominant variety and the wine is always done in a proprietary red Bordeaux-style blend.

SOURCING

Sourced from estate Benjamin Vineyard in Rutherford as well as fruit from grower-partners throughout Napa Valley, this wine showcases some of the finest Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc vineyards in the region.

AGING

21 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once-used barrels

Varietal Composition	66% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc
Harvest Date	October 1 - 19, 2018
Bottled	700 cases bottled August 11, 2020
Acid	0.63 g/100ml
pH	3.48
Alcohol	14.5%

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