

CAMi

2017
Estate Grown
Merlot
Napa Valley



THE INSPIRATION

Dedicated to the life and work of Laurie's late husband, Tom Shelton. Tom was a steward of the Napa Valley and all of its components, be it the land, the water, the appellations, and especially the relationship wine creates for friends and family.

THE VINEYARD

Located in front and around the "Trail House", as it is lovingly called by family and friends, CAMi Vineyards consists of two acres of Estate vineyards growing one half mile south of Larkmead Lane off the west side of the Silverado Trail. Purchased in 1999, CAMi Vineyards borders Selby Creek and Larkmead Vineyards to the West. This valley floor fruit grows the Three Palms Clone Merlot planted in 1996 on St. George root stock. The CAMi Merlot vineyard produces a concentrated and full-bodied wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild spring resulting in extended flowering with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, followed by cool weather allowing sugar levels to return to normal. By October 8, all of the 2017 grapes had been harvested, prior to the onset of local fire season. As a small, hands-on winery we are able to navigate the challenges of each year by closely monitoring the vineyard progress and picking fruit at the optimum time.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Ripe red fruit, bakers chocolate and lavender burst out of the glass in this powerful yet elegant Merlot. Full bodied and intense, with spiced chocolate, lush red fruit and a touch of toasty oak. A cellar worthy wine that will continue to evolve over the years.

BLEND: 100% Merlot

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: September 2017

RELEASE DATE: April 2020

AGING: French oak barrels (90% new), unfinned and unfiltered

ALCOHOL: 16.1%

PRODUCTION: 24 cases

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