



## 2021 MERLOT MUIR HANNA VINEYARD

### THE VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season in Napa Valley was close to optimal with minimal heat spikes and long, steady fruit ripening. Having received little rainfall during the winter and spring months, the drought conditions resulted in naturally lower yields and smaller berries. Not only did this positively impact the fruit, but it reduced the need for significant intervention in the vineyard. This confluence of weather conditions bestowed fruit that was extremely concentrated in flavor, color, and mature tannin, all of which are essential to crafting stellar wines.

### TASTING NOTES

This perfumed and sumptuous Merlot is knocking on the Right Bank's door. A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine showcases what the cooler climate of Oak Knoll is capable of. The nose is full of black plum, red rose, and lightly roasted espresso, all supported by a ferrous minerality. Like a basket weave, the mouthfeel is complex with mixed berry cobbler, lively acidity, and velvety tannins.

### PAIRINGS

Beef kebabs with roasted vegetables, pan-seared duck breast with cherry sauce, ratatouille.

### TECHNICAL INFO

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Merlot and 10%  
Cabernet Sauvignon

#### AVA

Oak Knoll District of Napa  
Valley

#### AGING

Aged in 100% French oak  
for 18 months, 22% new  
and 78% used

#### BOTTLING DATE

March 8, 2023

#### ALCOHOL

13.8%

#### PRODUCTION

197 9-liter cases