



# cultivar

MERLOT  
MT. VEEDER

2020

## 2020 Vintage Notes

Mt. Veeder prides itself as having the most rugged growing conditions in Napa Valley, along with the lowest yields and the longest growing season. With slopes as steep as 30 degrees, shallow topsoil and minimal water retention, all farming and harvesting must be done by hand. It's also the only hillside appellation that borders Carneros, benefitting from the cool winds off of San Pablo Bay. The result is wines of deep concentration and complexity that are perfect for both the table and the cellar.

## 2020 Cultivar Merlot Mt. Veeder

Cultivar's 2020 Merlot is deeply concentrated, reflecting its Mt. Veeder origin, but still retains the varietal's signature softness. We sourced this 2020 vintage from one of the most acclaimed vineyards on the mountain. Bing cherries, blueberry, and black currant spring from the glass, along with the signature minerality that comes from the appellation's unique soil.

The palate is greeted with Maraschino cherry, sarsaparilla, cocoa dust, and black peppercorns, all drifting beautifully on a wave of soft, new oak. The longer growing season on Mt. Veeder is immediately apparent in the flavor profile: the fruit is forward and juicy without being jammy. On the finish, you'll discover equal amounts of tobacco leaf, cola, and tannins that start out soft and will only become more balanced with age.

Enjoy this wine with mushroom risotto, meatloaf, wagyu beef sliders, Muenster cheese, or Prosciutto with melon.

Varietal  
Appellations  
Barrel Aging  
Alcohol  
Production

100% Merlot  
Mt. Veeder  
24 months, 100% new oak  
14.3%  
150 Cases

