



TRUJILLO

2018 TRUJILLO HOWELL MOUNTAIN MERLOT

Vintage Notes

In my four decades of winemaking, I've had the great pleasure of crafting wines from every corner of the Napa Valley. My inspiration for small lot wines comes from stepping out of the box and culling different varieties from favorite vineyards. Each unique site produces grapes that exhibit a balance of daring personality and enveloping elegance, marked with an arc of complex aromas and velvety finish that goes on and on.

My many years of working with this Howell Mountain Merlot site has consistently produced an amazing Merlot wine, which I blend into Trujillo and Madelyn wines to compliment these wines. However, this 2018 vintage jumped out to me as something extra special. I decided to capture a portion of this special wine solo in the bottle.

This is a bold and full-bodied Merlot that expresses itself with elegance. At first waft, it proudly expresses depth and richness of black berry, dark plum, and coco notes. This wine is layered with nuance of sweet clove, vanilla, a hint of a graphite, and herb spice, tying it together aromatically. The flavor and texture are what it is all about! Seamlessly balanced and overflowing with abundant fruit flavors that carry forward effortlessly to a long, silky, lingering finish.

This is a Merlot that will capture your attention. As it did mine! I only bottled two barrels of this remarkable 2018 vintage Merlot. It will age gracefully for years to come, but I very much doubt it will be left alone for any length of time in ones cellar. Enjoy!

-Michael Trujillo

| <i>Origin</i> | <i>Blend Composition</i> | <i>Maturation</i> | <i>Technical Notes</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 100% Napa Valley | 96% Merlot | Aged 20 months | pH – 3.48 |
| 100% Howell Mountain AVA | 2% Malbec | 100% French Oak | TA – 6.4 g/L |
| | 2% Petit Verdot | (65% New Barrels) | RS – 0.07 g/L |
| | | | Alc. – 14.5% by volume |
| | | <i>Cases Produced</i> | <i>Bottled</i> |
| | | 48 | May 28, 2020 |

