



2019 Merlot

Napa Valley

The 2019 Barlow Merlot has a deep, concentrated violet purple color with aromas of ripe red cherry, plum, and spice. The tannins are soft and luxurious and are a great counterpart to the sweet flavors of coffee, toasty oak, tobacco, and cedar which lend notable complexity to this easygoing but nuanced Merlot. It is a soft, succulent wine to drink now and over the next handful of years.

2019 Harvest Report Napa Valley

A long, warm summer and mild finish to the season

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. Volume is looking to be about average to a little less than average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

AWARDS AND RATINGS

90 Points~Antonio Galloni

VINTAGE STATISTICS

BLEND	<i>100% Merlot</i>
HARVEST DATE	<i>September, 2019</i>
AGING	<i>20 months in French Oak</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>14.9%</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>310 cases</i>
RELEASE DATE	<i>March, 2022</i>