

# MAYACAMAS



## 2018 MERLOT – MT. VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

*High on the slopes of Mount Veeder, Mayacamas Vineyards has been a source of legendary California wine since 1889. Since the 1950's the vinification and élevage of Mayacamas remains remarkably consistent and our continued commitment to employ classical techniques and tools is integral to the character of these wines. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation and the estate spans 475 acres, only 50 of which are dedicated to vine. The region's richly intense, age-worthy wines reflect the independent spirit of its mountain growers and vintners, borne of rugged conditions that demand craftsmanship at the highest level.*

## TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with lifted aromatics of violet and lavender supported by a lovely fruit set of raspberry, plum, and dried blueberry. Savory tones of dried sage and fresh mint broaden the mid-palate, bringing detail and nuance to the wine's mid-weight frame. The finish is persistent with lingering notes of red berry fruit, black tea, and dried herbs.

## WINEMAKING

The 2018 was harvested by hand in September, destemmed, and pressed. The Merlot was fermented in an open top concrete tank while the Cabernet Franc, at 6% of the final blend, was fermented in stainless steel. After fermentation both the Merlot and Cabernet France were aged in neutral French oak. The Merlot rested in large format foudre while the Cabernet France was placed in barrel for a combined 22 months before being bottled.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder

VARIETALS: 94% Merlot,  
6% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 14%

