

# MAYACAMAS



## 2023 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 2023 Merlot initiates the palate with tones of raspberry and fresh tobacco. Engaging aromatics of lilac and savory peppercorn on the nose. Great mid-palate structure with savory tones of anise, and cedar lending a lingering and long back palate finish.

## WINEMAKING

The 2023 growing season saw ample winter and spring rains. Moderate weather and cool soil temperatures delayed bud-break and flowering by a few weeks. A warm summer without extreme heat carried through to harvest allowing for a slow, meticulous harvest cadence.

The 2023 Merlot composition is 76% Merlot and 24% Cabernet Franc. Grapes were hand harvested, cluster sorted and destemmed on a block-by-block basis. Fermentation and maceration was completed in stainless steel (70%), concrete (23%), and neutral French oak (7%) – with an average of 16 days on skins. The wines were aged a total of 20 Months in oak – 12 months in Foudre, 600L and 500L and 8 months in neutral French 225L barrel.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder

VARIETALS: 76% Merlot,  
24% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 14%

