



# CHAPPELLET

## 2016 Merlot

### Napa Valley

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#### The Wine

This supple and elegant mountain-grown Merlot continues to remind wine lovers how delicious Merlot can be. It was aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (40% new), and was blended with three of the other red Bordeaux varieties for added structure and complexity.

#### Growing Season & Harvest

The 2016 growing season continued a string of phenomenal vintages that goes all the way back to 2012. With no frost issues, and ideally timed March rains, the season got off to an early start. The weather throughout spring and summer was temperate and even, ultimately yielding near-average heat accumulation numbers for the season, and allowing the grapes to ripen at a leisurely pace. Harvest for our red grapes began in mid-September, with the fruit showing a perfect balance between bright natural acidity and lovely varietal flavors.

#### Tasting Notes

This lovely wine draws you in with its complex aromas of dark berry, briary spice, anise, clove, cedar chest and black tea. On the palate, silky tannins add depth and length to luxurious flavors of black plum, cherry, dark chocolate and roasted coffee, all of which glide to a warm, rich finish.

#### Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 16 – Oct 8, 2016

25.0° – 27.0° Brix at Harvest

14.5% Alcohol

TA – 0.57g/100ml

pH – 3.75

#### Wine Blend

77% Merlot

10% Malbec

8% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petit Verdot