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MERLOT · NAPA VALLEY

2023 Merlot

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KEY ATTRIBUTES

- A return to Shafer's Merlot tradition, first planted in 1981
- Crafted by winemaker Elias Fernandez
- Sourced from Yountville AVA and southern foothills of Napa Valley
- Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak for depth and structure
- A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec for balance and complexity

UNPARALLELED VINTAGE

"The exceptional 2023 vintage reveals layers of red plum, dark cherry, and raspberry, lifted by floral notes and warm spice. Fresh acidity and seamless tannins carry through a long, graceful finish."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, SHAFER WINEMAKER

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

93 POINTS

"Based on 90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Malbec and aged 18 months in 100% new French oak, the 2023 Merlot offers up an outstanding bouquet of black cherries, graphite, spicy wood, and incense. Medium-bodied, with a round, supple mouthfeel and a great finish, this delicious, balanced, impeccably made Merlot will keep for 10-15 years. Drink 2025-2040."

JEB DUNNUCK

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"Shafer fans will be delighted to learn that the Merlot is back with the 2023. Bright acids lift a core of red fruit and blood orange. This cool-toned, refreshing Merlot is an absolute delight. Readers will find a wine of total sophistication."

ANTONIO GALLONI