

PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

2023 MERLOT

Fruit is at the forefront of our 2023 Merlot. Brimming with aromas of black cherry and sun-ripened blackberries, the intense fruit gradually ebbs to reveal enticing hints of nutmeg, shaved dark chocolate and fresh summer savory. All the elements combine in a way that suggests homemade blackberry cobbler, cooling on the stove. This is clearly a merlot born in the mountains, so while its structure is elegant and fine textured, there is considerable power folded in owing to our sunshine and moderate nights. The finish is long but balanced by a bright tension that gives this wine its juicy, pleasing nature. While dominated by fruit, the second and third sips reveal lovely notes of cigar box and dried sage. These aromas hint at what is in store as this wine continues to relax into its true self. Enjoy with abandon now, but be sure to save at least a few for the long haul.



PROFILE

Appellation:	Napa County
Vintage:	2023
Harvest:	October 2023
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	89% Merlot 7% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Cabernet Franc 2% Petit Verdot
Alcohol:	14.5%
Bottling:	April 2025
Production:	4063 cases
Release Date:	August 2025
Retail Price:	\$72.00