PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

2021 VINTNER SELECT MERLOT

Our aim is for the VS Merlot to showcase the unique elegance and power that clone 3 can produce at the crest of the Mayacamas. The 2021 is spot on. As you pour your first glass, plum and tobacco assert themselves but with further examination, gracious dollops of nutmeg, baking spice and menthol with a whisper of dried orange rind all emerge. On the palette, this wine is structured and serious, while also generous and bordering on juicy. It is happily balanced at the point of optimal bliss and is the perfect expression of our mountaintop estate.



<u>PROFILE</u>

Appellation: 54% Napa

46% Sonoma

Vintage: 2021

Harvest: October 2021

Fermentation: Stainless Steel

Cooperage: French Oak

Blend: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.4%

Bottling: July 2023

Production: 503 cases

Release Date: January 2024

Retail Price: \$96.00