



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: California

ALCOHOL: 13.5% by vol.

PH: 3.74

TA: 6.28 g/L



## R|COLLECTION MERLOT

CALIFORNIA

2022

#### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season resulted in excellent quality fruit. After years of drought, substantial winter rain was followed by dry conditions through March. Spring brought mild and cooler temperatures with bud break beginning in March. September saw a week of triple digit heat days that were followed by mid-month rains which slowed harvest. The grapes left hanging on the vine became concentrated with intense flavors resulting in wines with structure and luxurious tannins.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The R|Collection Merlot is sourced from the finest vineyards throughout California, with each area adding a unique layer into the overall taste profile. Minimally intrusive winemaking techniques allow the true California terroir to shine through in every glass poured and bottle enjoyed.

#### WINE PROFILE

A fragrant medley of blackcurrant and fig, accented by subtle spices, welcomes the nose in this exquisite R|Collection Merlot. Rich black cherry, ripe plum, and nutty toasted almond flavors are harmonized by a whisper of earthy undertones. The velvety mouthfeel transitions to firm tannins, culminating in a rewarding finish.