



POPE VALLEY WINERY

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2018 Merlot

Napa Valley

Vineyard Details:

Owned by the Eakle family Pope Valley Winery is located in the northeastern hills just beyond Howell Mountain in Napa Valley. Our two estate vineyards with a combined 80 planted acres, at the winery and our Eakle Ranch vineyard, yield rich distinctive wines characteristic of the terroir.

Our wines showcase the mineral complexity of the soils - Pleasanton loam and Bressa-Dibble complex. Pope Valley is a warm growing climate with cool evenings and mornings which allow the grapes to hang on the vine long enough to ripen to their fullest potential yet cool enough at night to develop complex varietal aromas. Pope Valley wines express the historic character that established Napa Valley as one of the premier growing regions in the world.

Winemaking notes:

Berries were 100% destemmed to tank and fermented over the course of 15 days. Upon pressing, the wine was racked to French oak barrels, of which 40% were new, where it rested for 24 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Dried bay leaves, mint, and English plum give way to savory aromatic undertones of lightly toasted coffee, and tobacco. Focused acidity keeps everything in line on the palate, with supple tannins and a dense lingering finish.

Wine Details

Blend: 75% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.68

RS: 0.7 g/l

TA: 6.3

Oak Profile: French Oak, 30% new

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Vineyard: Eakle Ranch

Appellation: Napa Valley

Bottling Date: 7/15/20

Release Date: 10/23/20

Cases Produced: 630

SRP: \$38

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