



FLORA SPRINGS

GREAT TASTES



JANUARY 2019

Merlot is Back!

Since 1980 when we produced our first vintage of Merlot, we've always admired the varietal for what it offers: approachable, fruit-forward flavors, a round, plush texture and a ready-to-drink profile. Today, the quality of Merlot is higher than ever, especially in Napa Valley, which, according to *Wine Spectator's* Kim Marcus, "is by far the variety's powerhouse appellation." (November 30, 2018) *Brag alert: Did you happen to see the photo of my dad, John Komes, in this issue of the Wine Spectator? One reason we've been successful with Merlot is that we've never tried to make it taste*

like a Cabernet Sauvignon, as some wineries have. We've always let it be itself. The 2016 Napa Valley Merlot in your shipment is a testament to this long-term philosophy. Enjoy!

On a final note, our Trilogy Release Party is coming right up on Saturday, February 2, 2019 and we hope to see you here! Our family will be here to welcome you along with several new employees we'd like you to meet. As always, we promise a celebration to remember!

Nat Komes, General Manager

2016 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Our Napa Valley Merlot is an approachable, people-pleasing wine, one of Flora Komes' favorites as she loved its beautiful fruit flavors and supple, easy-going texture. The 2016 vintage draws on estate fruit from our sustainably-farmed vineyards in St. Helena, Rutherford and Oakville, properties we have owned and farmed for decades. This 100% Merlot spent 15 months in small French and American oak barrels, and delivers showy black cherry and blueberry flavors with notes of dark chocolate, marshmallow and graham cracker (did someone say s'mores?). Hints of lavender and leather add complexity, along with a brown spice character from the French oak barrels. This is an unctuous, mouth-filling wine with ripe tannins and just the right amount of acidity to keep it fresh and focused. Incredibly versatile, our Napa Valley Merlot is an ideal match for roasted chicken with lemon and herbs, slow-cooked lamb stew or spinach risotto with taleggio cheese.



Price: **\$35** | Shipment: **\$31.50**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$28**

- Varietal:** 100% Merlot
- Cases Produced:** 5,160
- Aging:** 15 months in small French and American oak barrels
- Enjoyability:** Drink now through 2023 for optimum enjoyment

NEXT SHIPMENT - MARCH 2019
2016 Trilogy
2018 Pinot Grigio

2016 POGGIO DEL PAPA

We've been a fan of the Sangiovese varietal for years, ever since our family took a trip to Tuscany where the grape dominates the landscape - and the wines. The Sangiovese in this Tuscan-style red blend is sourced from a vineyard in the Oak Knoll region of Napa Valley where the cooler microclimate allows the grape to maintain good structure and acidity, a key characteristic of the varietal. The other varietals in the blend - Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec - are from slightly warmer, mid-valley vineyards, adding forward fruit and juicy plumpness to the wine. The 2016 Poggio del Papa has a sweet core of blueberry and red fruit flavors - think chocolate covered cherries and vanilla crème. There's a gentle note of leather across the palate, along with hints of dark roasted coffee. The tannins are fine and chalky and the finish is easy, yet the wine stays lively with bright acidity. This red blend is made for straightforward drinking pleasure and is a versatile food companion. Enjoy with olive tapenade and goat cheese crostini, pasta al pomodoro, ribollita soup, or a nice pan-seared strip steak.



Price: **\$45** | Shipment: **\$40.50**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$36**

Varietal: 66% Sangiovese; 10% Syrah; 8% Cabernet Sauvignon; 8% Merlot; 4% Petit Verdot; 4% Malbec

Cases Produced: 650

Aging: 17 months in French oak barrels and ovals, both new and seasoned

Enjoyability: Drink now through 2028 for optimum enjoyment

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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February 2, 2019
2016 TRILOGY RELEASE PARTY
The Estate - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Once again we're pulling out all the stops to celebrate the newest vintage of Trilogy, our flagship wine. Wine, food, music and dancing - plus a few new surprises - will be the order of the day as we treat guests to an assortment of palate-pleasing experiences. We're excited to welcome back several of our favorite restaurants - including the world-famous Morimoto and Zagat-rated ZuZu - along with other Napa Valley purveyors who will create special dishes to complement our wines. Tickets are on sale and going fast, so we encourage Great Tastes members to take advantage of special club pricing and order today via our website. Join the Komes-Garvey family, our winemakers, and our sales and hospitality teams for one of Napa Valley's most popular events!

Visit florasprings.com/events to secure your club member price!

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March 10, 2019
GREAT TASTES PICK UP PARTY
The Room

