

# BLUE ROCK

## 2019 Best Barrels Merlot Blue Rock Vineyard, Alexander Valley



### Vineyard

Our 2019 Best Barrels Merlot showcases the varietal beautifully at a full 85% Merlot, rounded out with a 15% addition of Cabernet Sauvignon, all from the best blocks at our Blue Rock Estate Vineyard in Alexander Valley.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

2019 was a stellar vintage that treated our Merlot vines particularly well. A pristine medium-ruby color, the nose offers a beautiful example of Merlot's savory earthy, roasted red pepper and graphite on top of bright red fruits. The palate reveals a medium-full body that dances between all the deep aromas with fresh strawberry and red raspberry, celebrating California's famous fruit all deftly held by lively acidity and gentle tannins. A gorgeous California example of true Merlot not found very often!

### Food Affinities

Merlot is versatile in its food pairing options. The combination of acidity and just the right amount of tannin allow a broad range of wonderful complements such as roast chicken, duck, sausage, grilled vegetables and even smoky barbecue or tomato-based red sauces.

### Ageability

This wonderfully balanced and distinctive red should enter its prime drinking window in early 2023, then cellar phenomenally well for another 10 to 12 years.

### Technical Data

85% Merlot  
15% Cabernet Sauvignon  
44% new French oak, 28 months in oak  
14.6% Alc.  
Cases Produced: 576  
Bottled: March 2022  
Released: December 2022



\*2018 vintage



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