

PALOMA



MERLOT

In 2003, Paloma Vineyard's 2001 Merlot was chosen by the Wine Spectator as the Wine of the Year out of over 15,000 wines from around the world. Since 2003, Paloma Merlot has been in the Wine Spectator TOP 100 two more times—in 2004 for the 2002 vintage (54th) and in 2008 for the 2006 vintage (65th)—as well as received an honorable mention from Wine Spectator's James Laube in 2012 for the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. Paloma Vineyard estate fruit is picked in multiple small lots, from late September to mid-November and is hand-crafted in the same small lots. The 2013 is 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is fermented and then aged in French oak—33% new—for 18 months before being bottled in the spring and bottle-aged for an additional 18 months.

The 2013 Paloma Merlot:

“93 points. This wine exhibits plenty of plum, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, mocha and coffee bean in a lush, delicious and opulently textured style. It is drinking beautifully already and will continue to evolve for another decade or more.” – Robert Parker, Wine Advocate

“With its amazing aromatic depth and chiseled focus, this bottling joins 2001, 2007 and 2012 in the pantheon of truly great Paloma Merlots. The nose is a dense perfume of mulberry, blackberry, black currant, blueberry, Asian plum sauce, bitter chocolate-covered dark cherry, espresso bean, licorice root, black truffle, humidor-spice, graphite, charcoal, mace, and lavender scents. Each of these elements is expressed on the mid-palate, counter-pointing firm “Cabernet-like” tannins and classic mountain structure to create a lean yet almost sinewy mouthfeel. The finish is a tightly wound, but lingering cascade of dark berry, black fig, black licorice, tobacco, charcoal, graphite, truffle, star anise, cedar, sandalwood and foresty-spice, with gentler suggestions of lavender and toasted Marcona almond. At five to twelve years from its full maturity, it is a fascinating beauty already.” –Don Gillette, Napa Valley Wine Exchange, San Francisco

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AVA	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley	Vintage	2013
Blend	85% Merlot / 15% Cabernet Sauvignon	Alcohol	14.8%
Cooperage	33% new French oak (Nadalié)	Production	2881 cases
Bottled	May 2015	Initial Retail	\$57
Released	Sep 2016	Current Retail	\$66

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