

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 2014 is 100% Merlot—the only vintage of its kind. 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 30 months.

The **2014 Paloma Merlot** exhibits deep ruby color, with a bright, sweet, multi-layered nose of raspberries, currants, red plum and background notes of coffee and anise. This youthful wine benefits from aeration, revealing a lush mouthfeel and beautiful ripeness of fruit on the mid-palate. The wine has a solid backbone, true to its Spring Mountain origins, complemented by long, sweet tannins and a velvety finish. Truly an age-worthy wine, this Merlot would pair beautifully with rack of lamb, or boeuf bourguignon. Enjoy!

AVA	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley	Vintage	2014
Blend	100% Merlot	Alcohol	14.8%
Cooperage	33% new French oak (Nadalié)	Production	1710 cases
Bottled	May 2016	Initial Retail	\$63
Released	Aug 2018	Current Retail	\$72

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