

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 2017 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 30 months.

The 2017 Paloma Merlot fills the glass with luscious aromas of dark, ripe plum, blackberry, and hints of thyme. On the palate, the wine presents a rich, hearty mouthfeel, with consistent notes of ripe, black fruits and a pleasingly, lingering finish. Showing beautifully in its youth, this offering will evolve seamlessly, offering years of enjoyment. While an ideal candidate for pairing with a broad range of rich foods, the 2017 Merlot is a meal in itself.

AVA	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley	Vintage	2017
Blend	85% Merlot / 15% Cabernet Sauvignon	Alcohol	14.8%
Cooperage	33% new French oak (Nadalié)	Production	1842 cases
Bottled	May 2019	Initial Retail	\$66
Released	Aug 2021	Current Retail	\$72