

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 2021	Initial Retail	\$66
Released	August 2021	Current Retail	\$72

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 2009 for the 2006 vintage (65th)–as well as received the Wine Spectator Special Selection in 2012 for the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. Paloma Vineyard uses only estate fruit that is picked, fermented, and barreled in small lots. Any blending is completed just prior to bottling, allowing for maximum development before deciding on final ratios.

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