

# BREAD & BUTTER

2018 MERLOT

SINGLE VINEYARD, CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

## RELEASE DATE

June 2021

## APPELLATION

Carneros, Napa Valley

## VARIETAL

100% Merlot

## AGING

10 months on

40% new French Oak

## AGING POTENTIAL

7-10 years

**ALCOHOL** 14.9%

**ACIDITY** 6.0 g/L

**PH** 3.45

**PRODUCTION** 120 cases

**SRP** \$60

## TASTING NOTES

Smoothly structured and deep ruby in color, this full-bodied, well-rounded wine combines notes of red plum and black cherry with dried herbs and sweet spices including cardamom. Flavors of toasted oak integrate and lead to a smooth, complete finish.

## WINEMAKING

Merlot from Napa Valley is celebrated for its complexity, fruity character, layers of flavors, and ability to be paired nicely with a wide range of fine foods. This Merlot comes from Carneros, which receives constant cooling from the ocean.

This, along with the warm, sunny days, ensures a beautiful structure, bright acidity and full expression of flavors.

The 2018 growing season in Napa valley was steady with great conditions for growing all varieties. The beautiful conditions kicked off with a sunny spring that led to the vines flowering uniformly and ensuring even cluster development. Summer temperatures were steady, and the Valley befitted from a long, slow Harvest without heat spikes or rain. The grapes for this wine experienced extended hang time with warm days and cool nights, allowing the grapes to reach their full ripeness and expression. The complex, layered and high-quality wines of this vintage, especially the powerful reds which will continue to age gracefully, will be remembered and celebrated in years to come.



At Bread & Butter, we believe good things in life shouldn't be complicated. Good things should just be, well, good. And honest. And uncomplicated. Because when we second-guess, overthink, and decide that every, little thing is so important... We're ignoring what really matters. The good. The honest. And the uncomplicated. Which is why our Veteran Award-Winning Winemaker Linda Trottamakes thoughtful wines, that don't require any extra thought to enjoy. And those thoughtful wines? We have a carefree space where you can enjoy them. A tasting room dedicated to enjoying simple pleasures in a space that's comfortable, homey and authentic. Because we believe wine shouldn't add to the stress of everyday, in fact, it should do just the opposite. A great bottle should give you the opportunity to take a breath, let your shoulders drop, and stop overthinking. Go ahead, take a sip. And don't overthink it.

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