



# WINE SPOTS

• CALIFORNIA •

## NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 2017

We craft our Merlot by sourcing small lots of wine from superb vineyard sites throughout the sub-appellations of Napa Valley, each lending their own signature characteristics to build an elegant Merlot. The 2017 vintage is reminiscent of the finesse and elegance of Bordeaux's Right Bank, with soft tannins and a refined palate. Sweet cherry and plum aromas are accented by notes of vanilla. French oak aging in small barrels emphasizes the soft tannins and fruit flavors of cherry, plum and blackberries, with hints of toasty oak on the long finish.

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### THE NAPA VALLEY

Napa Valley is widely considered one of the top wine regions in California and the United States. Though small in size, Napa Valley consists of 14 appellations with unique micro-climates and varying soils, offering ideal winemaking conditions. A combination of maritime climate, mountain and valley topography and varying soil combine to offer exceptional potential for growing a broad range of grape varieties.

### THE VINEYARDS

The fruit for the 2017 Wine Spots Merlot was sourced from the Stags Leap, Rutherford and St. Helena AVAs. The gravelly, well-drained hillside soils are exposed to sunlight at low temperatures, producing wines with a dense palate and great structure.

### THE FOOD AND WINE PAIRINGS

Enjoy with poultry, red meat, grilled salmon, duck, seared tuna, mushroom dishes.

Wine Spots offers an exploration into the finest wine regions around the world. Our boutique collection of wines captures the distinctive qualities and terroir that make the regions unique.

*Discover your favorite spot.*

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**AGED:** 12 months, French Oak

**BLEND:** 100% Napa Valley Merlot

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