

## NAPA VALLEY

2022 PATEL ALC 13.9% BY VOL

**VINTAGE: 2022** 

VARIETAL: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

AGING: 18 months in 100% new

French oak

PRODUCTION: 175 cases

## NOTES:

Opaque ruby color. Lifted aromas of black cherry, cedar, and crushed cocoa nibs. Energetic with impressive lift on entry, waves of juicy ripe fruits flood the palate, revealing black plum, cherry, and raspberry. All this is framed by a plethora of soft, silken, plump tannins supported by a firm backbone of mouthwatering acidity. The finish lasts for minutes on end, revealing layers of minerality, savory crushed herbs, and elegant dried red florals.

## VINIFICATION:

The grapes for our red wines arrive in small picking lugs from the vineyards. The clusters are hand sorted, de-stemmed, and hand sorted again, berry-by-berry. After a two-day cold soak, primary fermentation begins in small, open-top stainless-steel tanks, followed by extended maceration. The fruit is then gently pressed, and the wine is moved to barrels for secondary fermentation. Our reds are then aged for 18 months in 100% new French artisan oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determine the final blend. Our reds are bottled unfined and unfiltered.