

## 2018 Napa Valley, Rutherford Estate Merlot

A burgundy shade of red commence this wine. Aromas of black plum and black cherry combine with graphite, milk chocolate, and black pepper with a subtle thread of vanilla from the toasted oak. This is a generous merlot with nice freshness on the palate show casing juicy blackberry and toasted oak. There is a cocoa powder texture with smooth tannins and a long finish.

94
POINTS

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"This is always an excellent merlot with blackberry, chocolate and hazelnut character. It's full and tight with balance and freshness. Shows verve and brightness. Drink now or hold."

James Suckling, July 2021

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Meredith May, March 2022

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James Suckling 2017 vintage 93 POINTS

James Suckling 2016 vintage 93

Wine Spectator 2015 vintage 90 POINTS 2018 Wapa)

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Wine Spectator 2014 vintage

