



# the path

## 2020 Merlot

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### TASTING NOTES

On the palate, this Merlot is juicy with flavors of Bing cherry, blackberry, and notes of crushed herb all underpinned by the spice from the French Oak the wine sees during aging. This medium-bodied wine is well-integrated with balanced fruit, oak, and acidity and leaves a lasting finish.

### VINTAGE NOTES

An unusually warm winter & spring droughts led to earlier budbreak and lower yields, and record heat waves during growing season resulted in a higher concentration of fruit flavor in the grapes. Those same conditions led to uncontrollable wildfires in late August and early September. Thankfully, we completed our harvest before the fires and the smoke arrived, so our wines weren't ever in jeopardy of getting smoke tainted. You can expect the 2020 vintage wines to have greater depth, more complexity, and unique aromatics compared to previous vintages.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

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**VINTAGE** 2020

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**APPELLATION** California

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**VARIETAL** 78% Merlot, 11% Petite Sirah, 8% Syrah, and 3% Petit Verdot

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**SPECIFICATIONS** pH: 3.52 | TA: 6.5 g/L | ABV: 13.5%