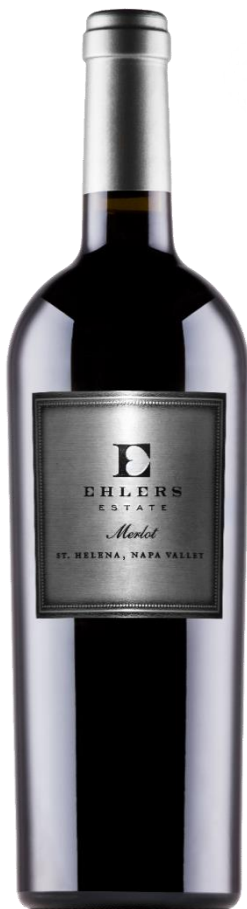




2016 MERLOT



Tasting Notes: The 2016 Merlot is a rich but respectful version of the varietal. True to its character, this Merlot presents a reddish garnet with deep layers. Aromas of blueberries, red currant, and candied cherries join the scents of oak, vanilla, mocha, and white truffle. The wine is medium to full-bodied, with bright acidity and firm tannins.

Vintage: 2016 was considered for many a near-perfect vintage in Napa, and I couldn't agree more. The season started a little bit earlier than average years. Weather conditions throughout the year were perfect to achieve beautiful vine growth, proper ripeness, and development of flavors and tannins in the grapes. Mild temperatures during the summer and warm days in September and October helped to extend the hanging time of the fruit on the vines, allowing for perfect ripeness.

Varietal: 89% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc

Harvest: September 7-19, 2016

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.59 pH

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Bottling date: August 20, 2018

Cases Produced: 450 cases