

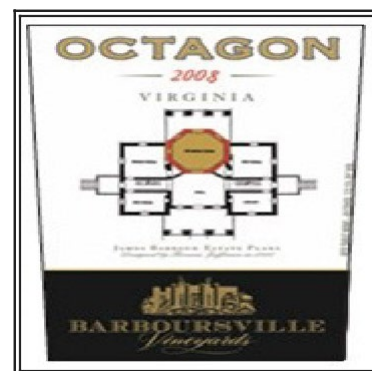
## Red Blends, Merlot

### Barboursville Vineyards 'Octagon'

Bin #600  
Barboursville Vineyards  
2014  
Merlot, Cabernet Franc,  
Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Petit Verdot  
Monticello, VA  
USA  
\$225

Deep garnet black color. Aromas of roasted espresso beans, dark chocolate, cranberry, clay, and tomato on the vine with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a long, dusty, forest floor accented finish with fine tannins. A wonderfully structured Old World styled red blend for the table. Rated 'Best Virginia Red Wine'.

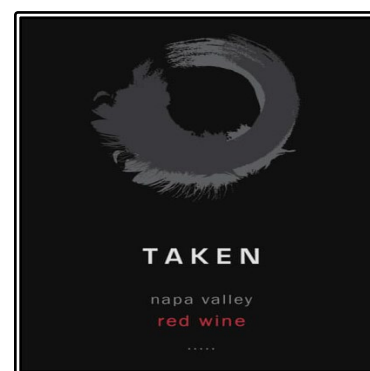
**96 pts James Suckling**  
**90 pts Wine Spectator**  
**90 pts Wine Advocate**



### Taken Red Blend

Bin #434  
Taken Wine Company  
2015  
Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Merlot  
St. Helena, CA  
USA  
\$58

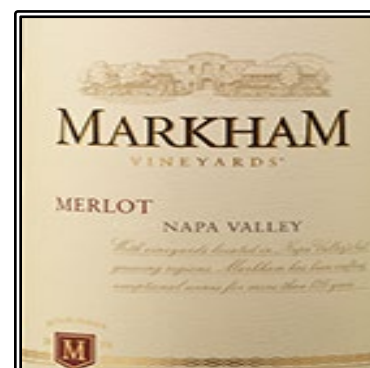
Dark garnet red with a purple hue. The nose of this classic Cabernet-based blend is incredibly flashy with aromas of fresh blueberries, blackberries, super ripe black cherries, and underlying tones of earth, crushed graphite, toasted espresso beans, and dark chocolate. The French oak is subtle yet present.



### Markham Merlot

Bin #428  
Markham Vineyards 2015  
Merlot, Cabernet  
Sauvignon, Petite Sirah,  
Napa Valley, CA  
USA  
\$52

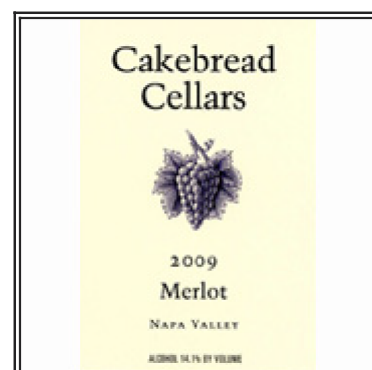
The drought brought cherry liquor-like concentration to Markham's 2015 vintage of Merlot. Black cherry and cassis aromas are layered with hints of vanilla, mint, and toasted nuts. Elegant and supple on the palate, the juicy plum and cherry fruit flavors are punctuated with cola and black pepper spice. The tannins remain through to the finish.



### Cakebread Cellars Merlot

Bin #426  
Cakebread Cellars  
2014  
Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet  
Sauvignon, Petit Verdot  
Napa Valley, CA  
USA  
\$120

"Ripe black cherry and plum compote aromas complemented by enticing tea-leaf, toasted vanilla, and woody scents. Plush, rich, and juicy on the palate, its densely concentrated black cherry, dark plum, and pomegranate flavors are supported by fine-grained tannins and a long, sumptuous finish graced by savory spice and mocha tones. An irresistibly lush blend of great depth, length, and suppleness." –Wine Enthusiast



# Merlot

## Duckhorn Merlot

Bin #420  
Duckhorn Vineyards 2015  
Merlot  
Napa Valley, CA  
USA  
\$110

Napa Valley Merlot is a complex blend of several individual vineyard lots incorporating fruit from the Estate Vineyards and from top independent growers throughout the Napa Valley. The final wine is a rich and cohesive expression of the entire Napa Valley, reflecting the varied microclimates and soils of this unique appellation.

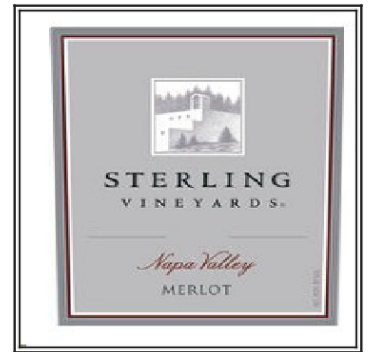
**91 pts. Wilfred Wong**  
**90 pts. Wine Enthusiast**



## Sterling Napa Merlot

Bin #422  
Sterling Vineyard 2014  
Merlot  
Napa Valley, CA  
USA  
\$60

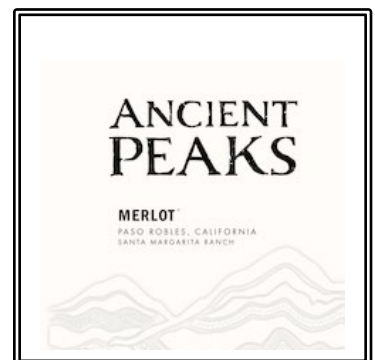
“A harmonious blend of black cherry, berries, all-spice, and cola lead the nose. Smooth and luxurious, the palate continues with a balanced blend of red fruits and well-integrated oak notes, rounding out the flavors with decadent caramel and cocoa top notes. Satisfying and complete, this wine is perfect served on its own or with a variety of bold, flavorful dishes.” –wine.com



## Ancient Peaks Merlot Santa Margarita Ranch Vineyard

Bin #433  
Ancient Peaks 2016  
Merlot  
Paso Robles, CA  
USA  
\$38

“Ancient sea-bed soils combine with a long growing season to yield a Merlot with silky dark fruit flavors and a luscious texture, resulting in what has become one of the Paso Robles region’s most notable Merlots.” –wine.com



## King Estate Domaine Pinot Noir

Bin #508  
King Estate 2013  
Pinot Noir  
Willamette Valley, OR  
USA  
\$122

“The color is a deep garnet red with aromas of spice, strawberry, toast, rose petal, sweet raisin, plum, bramble berry, mocha, light caramel, and hazelnut. Flavor consists of cranberry, raspberry, cherry, orange citrus, dried cranberry, and currant. The mouth has a soft entry, medium body, and a long viscous finish.” –wine.com

**93 pts. Wine Enthusiast**

