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NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Appellation	68% Mt. Veeder, 26% Oakville, and 6% Oak Knoll – Napa Valley
Soil	Napa Valley soils are comprised of broken down or decomposed rock that has been carried downhill from the eastern Vaca range and the western Mayacamas range to the base of the valley, where they intermingle with the silt, clay, and gravel deposits of the Napa River flood plain. Mount Veeder is atypical for a mountain appellation of Napa: its soils are derived from ancient seabed rather than volcanic matter, with clay and gravel loams predominant.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	The 2018 season was exemplary. Spring was drier than in 2017, and after two years of poor set, consistently mild weather led to good berry set. Higher cluster counts than the low yielding years of 2015-2017, coupled with cooler late summer temperatures, brought longer hang times with harvest dates up to two weeks later than the previous vintage.
Harvest Dates Brix	Sep 17, 24, & Oct 12 25.0° average

WINEMAKING

Variety	68% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc, and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Spontaneous native-yeast and malolactic fermentations
Aging	The 2018 Template rested on its lees for 20 months in new French oak barrels (Taransaud) with bi-monthly bâtonnage to coat the tannins and smoothly integrate the wood. The wine was then lightly fined with egg whites and bottled without filtration in June 2020.
Release Date Price	February 2024 \$100

“This is our tribute to the Right Bank model of Pomerol and St-Emilion. Having worked two vintages there, this rings very familiar. Hillside Merlot and Cabernet Franc combine for a plush yet structured California reprise.” – David Ramey
