

NOBLE TREE

ESTATE MERLOT RESERVE

WICKERSHAM RANCH 2016

BACKGROUND

Noble Tree was originally founded as a passion project by two sommeliers/restaurateurs to produce wines for their fellow industry friends. Production began as a true "garagistes-négociant" style winery, focusing on healthy vineyard sources, hand-harvesting and honest winemaking practices. In 2019, Marc D. Taub of Taub Family Vineyards became proprietor of Noble Tree, upholding the mission and essence of the winemaking philosophy: to respect the varietal character and reflect the vineyard site and vintage conditions in each wine.

APPELLATION

Sonoma County, California

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

TERROIR

This wine sourced entirely from the Wickersham Ranch Vineyard is located in Northwest Sonoma county, wedged between the Rockpile AVA and the Sonoma Coast AVA. The vineyard is planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot and Malbec at an elevation of 2,200 feet on a western facing slope. The Vineyard is one of the most remote sites in all of Sonoma County and offers the ideal microclimate to grow grapes for the production of mountain Merlot of the highest quality.

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

Harvested at 24.5 brix, sorted and cold soaked for five days, this wine was fermented with native yeast and aged for 16 month in 100% French oak, 40% new. Sourced from the Wickersham Ranch Estate Vineyard, this is a classic example of a medium bodied, cooler climate Merlot.

AGEING

Aged for 16 months in French oak, 40% new.

TASTING NOTES

Rich, concentrated, and ripe with dark berry fruits and cocoa nibs. The finish is long and rich, with silky tannins toasty oak.

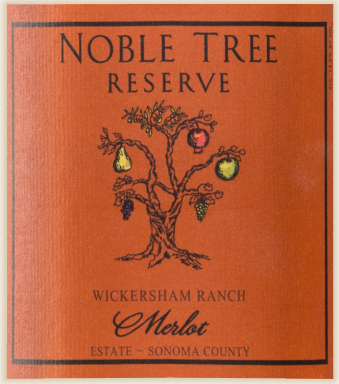
CURRENT WINEMAKER

Nicolas Cantacuzene

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
14.8%

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SITE-SPECIFIC VARIETIES
FROM THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

