

Calluna

2020 Merlot "Aux Raynauds" Chalk Hill California, United States



Type:	Red Still Wine
Ingredients:	Merlot
Region:	California, Sonoma County
Farming Methods:	Hand harvested
Total Production:	200 cases
Soil:	Clay-limestone
Climate:	Continental climate.
Winemaker:	David Jeffrey

ABV	13.00%	Sizes	750ml
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ABOUT THIS BOTTLE

Calluna Vineyards took root in Sonoma County in 2005 with 12 acres in the Chalk Hill appellation planted to the traditional Bordeaux grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. From its advantageous hillsides overlooking the Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill is known for its mild climate and soils of clay underlain with fractured shale and sandstone. The 2020 Merlot Aux Raynauds from Calluna Vineyards offers a rich and complex tasting experience. On the nose, the wine presents an enticing bouquet of dark fruits, including black cherry and plum, complemented by subtle notes of violets and graphite. The palate delivers a harmonious blend of flavors, with concentrated black cherry and plum dominating, while hints of baking spices add depth and complexity. Subtle undertones of graphite provide an elegant mineral quality to the taste profile. This Merlot boasts a medium to full body with a velvety texture. Well-integrated tannins contribute to its structure, while balanced acidity ensures freshness and longevity. The wine concludes with a long, persistent finish that showcases its depth and complexity.