

OBERON

Blend: 88.54% Merlot, 9.31% Syrah, 2.15% Zinfandel

Alcohol: 13.9% | **TA:** 6.4g/L | **pH:** 3.61

50 Years of Napa Winemaking Roots...

Napa Valley native and winemaker, Tony Coltrin, brings 50 years of winemaking experience to Oberon, with expertise in sourcing quality fruit from the best vineyards in the valley and understanding the region's uniqueness for growing classic Bordeaux varieties. His long-standing relationships with local growers ensure a consistency in the quality of the grapes grown in premier Napa Valley sub-appellations for Oberon.

Vintage 2022

The 2022 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with cool weather through July into early August. We then saw ideal warm weather conditions into early September followed by a mid-September triple digit heat event and measurable rainfall that pushed our ripening calendar into mid-October. Harvest took place on October 13th and 14th with the long ripening season contributing to the development of beautiful fruit flavors. Healthy canopies and optimum cluster size combined with the long ripening season assured the development of dense, rich, beautiful Merlot of exceptional quality and character.

Napa Vineyards

To create Oberon Merlot, Tony sourced grapes from Napa Valley's renowned Oakville district. The deeper alluvial soils along with the perfect balance of cool mornings and warm afternoons make this the perfect location for growing Bordeaux varieties. Tony sources Syrah and Zinfandel in small lots specifically for this blend as they marry beautifully with this Merlot and bring out the rich character of this delicious expressive Oakville fruit.

Winemaking

To naturally soften tannins and enhance varietal complexity, Tony allowed the grapes to undergo extended maceration. He then pressed the wine and transferred it to French oak barrels (45% new oak) to undergo a long malolactic fermentation for roundness and depth. Using Syrah and Zinfandel as blenders, adds a dark velvety feel to the lush berry flavor profile of the Merlot. Dense black fruit aromas are followed by boysenberry and chocolate flavors, and supple tannins on the palate.



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Napa Valley