

OBERON

Blend: 88.79% Merlot, 9.1% Syrah, 2.11% Zinfandel
Alcohol: 14.2% | **TA:** 5.8 g/L | **pH:** 3.64

50 Years of Napa Winemaking Roots...

Napa Valley native and winemaker, Tony Coltrin, brings over 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 2023

The 2023 vintage was defined by a cool, wet winter and spring that delayed bud break and extended the growing season. Mild summer temperatures followed, with few extreme heat spikes, allowing grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. Our Oakville Merlot was harvested under optimal conditions just before the first Fall rains on November 4th and 5th, capturing deep supple tannins and velvety aromatics. The cool Fall weather enhanced flavor complexity while preserving freshness. Smaller yields with concentrated fruit led to elegant, balanced wines with purity and depth—hallmarks of a truly classic Merlot vintage.

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 varietals. 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 for 12 months. 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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