



# GREYSCALE

WINES

2015  
*Napa Valley*  
MERLOT

## TASTING NOTES

Deep red color with garnet under tones. Ripe, fresh fruit on the nose with red cherries and blackcurrant, subtle vanilla spice oak and mocha/chocolate on the finish. A soft entry leads to lively tastes of black and red fruit with a toasty oak flavor. It is a well-balanced, food-friendly wine.

## BLEND

93% Merlot  
(Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley)  
4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The Merlot expressed traditional red fruit notes with a touch of oakiness. The wine was fermented in a stainless steel tank and aged in 100% French oak barrels for 22 months. Blending took place in August 2017 where we added Petit Verdot for its earthiness and Cabernet Franc for its floral element.

## BOTTLING

Date: August 7, 2017  
Alcohol: 14.7%  
pH 3.53, Total Acidity 7.2g/L

Released: January, 2018

## VINEYARD NOTES

2015 is the second year Greyscale Wines produced a single vineyard Merlot from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Located in the southern end of the Napa Valley with cooler temperatures, many believe this region provides the best terroir for producing premium Merlot wine. Because the vineyard is near the Mayacamas Mountain benchland, it has a significant component of alluvial soil which contains organic material making the area quite fertile. It is planted to Merlot Clone 181 that traces its origins to Pomerol in Bordeaux.

## Merlot

*AVA: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley*  
Harvest Date: 9/25/2015  
Brix: 26.9, TA: 4.7  
pH: 3.53



## ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

“Making wine is living our dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley.

*Jean & Larry Rowe*  
Proprietors

## ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 25 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian Tavakoli brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years learning cabernet wine-making at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.



*“Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey”*

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