

Pahlmeyer

Pahlmeyer 1997 Merlot

Release Date: February 1, 2000

Appellation Composition:

45% Napa Valley

44% Spring Mountain

11% Howell Mountain

100% Merlot

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 14.5

PH: 3.93

Total Acidity: 0.49

TASTING NOTES: Intense, deep, red-purple color. Hints of chocolate and black fruits in the nose. Despite its youth, the 1997 Merlot is forward and well integrated, with creamy, ripe fruit flavors, big tannins, super- concentrated with a long lingering full finish.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES: The grapes for our 1997 Merlot were carefully chosen from a small handful of prestigious vineyards. The lots for this wine were made from fully ripe grapes, brought to the winery in small bins and de-stemmed only. The whole berries are then fermented with wild yeasts. The Merlot is aged in a combination of new (80%) small French oak barrels, and one-year-old small French oak barrels for approximately 18 months and then bottled, unfined and unfiltered.

AVAILABILITY: The Pahlmeyer 1997 Merlot will be available nationally and internationally through fine restaurants and retail shops as of February 1, 2000. The wine can also be purchased directly from the winery. For further information, please contact: