

Pahlmeyer

Pahlmeyer 1999 Merlot

Release Date: February 1, 2002

Appellation Composition:

12% Napa Valley
37% Howell Mountain
36% Carneros
15% Atlas Peak

Varietal Composition:

100% Merlot

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 14.8
PH: 3.89
TA: 0.55

Cases Produced: 1475 Cases

Retail Price: \$ 80.00 a bottle

TASTING NOTES: Impenetrable and inky – purple in color, the nose offers aromas of ripe, smoky plum, cherry, anise, oak, and port like sweetness. The palate is full bodied and structured with a finish that has length and intensity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES: The 1999 vintage was a fine year for Napa Valley. Although the crop was smaller than the 1998, the harvest offered fruit with intense richness, acidity and wonderful density. Grapes for the 1999 Pahlmeyer Merlot were harvested in early October. The wine, consisting of 100% Merlot, was aged in new Taransaud French oak barrels for eighteen months before being bottled in April of 2001. Ten months of bottle ageing has allowed it to develop beautifully in the bottle.

AVAILABILITY: The Pahlmeyer 1999 Merlot will be available nationally and internationally through fine restaurants and retail shops as of February 1, 2002. The wine can also be purchased directly from the winery. For further information, please contact: