## MERRIAM



## 2022 MERLOT RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## VINEYARD

Windacre Vineyard is located on the eastern edge of the Russian River Valley, near Healdsburg. Originally planted in the late 1800s, it is one of the oldest vineyard sites in Sonoma County. It wasn't until the 1980s when the climate within the vineyard was noted for its many similarities to Bordeaux that it was dedicated solely to Bordeaux varieties. Today we farm Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Each day, cool morning fog gives way to warm days, dropping to low temperatures overnight. We purchased the property in 2000 and it has been sustainably farmed since 2001.

## TASTING NOTES

Bright, rich and ripe fruit with a hint of spice and a delightfully smooth finish. This captivating Merlot starts with strawberry and raspberry jam on the nose, leading into aromas of sweet and luscious red fruit. The first sip reveals layers of fresh fig, while a subtle note of red chili imparts a gentle, warming spice that enhances the complexity.

BLEND | 100% MERLOT ALCOHOL | 14.5% BY VOLUME PH | 3.65 TA | 6.4 g/L AGING | AGED 18 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK

**PRODUCTION** | 100 CASES

