



*In 1983, Tony and Herta (HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. PEJU remains family-owned with Tony and HB's two daughters, Ariana and Lisa, guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh ideas while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began 40 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.*



SRP: \$54.99

## LEGACY COLLECTION 2019 MERLOT, NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARDS

We believe great wines are made in the vineyard and are committed to farming sustainably and naturally to preserve these properties for the long term. We are certified organic at our Rutherford vineyard. In 2019, all six of our estate vineyards were certified Fish Friendly Farming as part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

### VINTAGE

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins.

### TASTING

Our Merlot is medium-bodied with juicy, dark cherry fruit flavors that are complemented by herb and spice notes. Aromas of cocoa, fig, and plum round out the sensory experience. The velvety tannins are well integrated, and the wine is fresh and juicy with a subtlety that adds depth and complexity. It has a good core of fruit that is balanced by a clean finish, making it a great choice for those who prefer refinement over potency.

### DETAILS

**Appellation:** Napa Valley  
**Composition:** 94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Oak:** American oak, 40% new  
**Aging:** 18 months  
**Harvest:** October 2019  
**Release:** March 2023  
**Winemaker:** Sara Fowler  
**Alcohol:** 14.5%

### ACCOLADES

**91 points,** James Suckling  
**97 points,** Connoisseurs' Guide