



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 2021 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 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries, and a smooth harvest season. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes were packed full of flavor.

TASTING

Our 2021 Legacy Collection Merlot is a vibrant and complex wine. Fresh plum dances on the palate, accompanied by the subtle warmth of cedar and a hint of mint. Baking spice and nutmeg emerge, adding a layer of complexity that enhances the overall profile. Dark cherry and dried cranberry flavors contribute to the wine's dynamic character, creating a harmonious blend of fruity sweetness and subtle tartness. The soft tannins provide a smooth and elegant finish, rounding out this Merlot.

DETAILS

Appellation: Napa Valley
Composition: 76% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Cabernet Franc
Oak: French oak, 35% new
Aging: 16 months
Harvest: October 2021
Release: January 2024
Winemaker: Sara Fowler

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

92 points, *James Suckling*