

STRATTON LUMMIS

*2014 Merlot
Napa Valley*



Certified Sustainable

Between 1990 and 2005, Merlot lost its way. Its rise as a consumer by-the-glass red wine favorite led to mass plantings across California. Many of these plantings occurred in appellations where this grape's best use would have been as a red blend extender. Merlot no longer resembled itself and the public grew weary.

We have missed our favorite plummy red wine. In 2013 we decided we would make a Merlot for ourselves and friends. We made six hundred six packs. Our goal was simple. Make a plum-driven, raspberry-rich red wine with a long finish. Our Napa Valley Merlot is as smooth a wine as you will find in any Bordeaux. It retains crispness despite its California bigness.

This is not a simple wine. It will pair elegantly with the most sophisticated dark sauces and smoked meats.

Alcohol 14.7%
Total Acid 0.65
pH 3.5

