



# FROG'S LEAP

## 1999 MERLOT

*Napa Valley*

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### THE BLEND

100% Merlot  
52% Rutherford  
27% Carneros  
21% Yountville

### PRODUCTION

10,200 cases

### RELEASE DATE

October 2001

### STATISTICS

harvest ~  
September 14 – October 25  
13.5% alcohol  
5.9 gr/1 total acidity  
3.49 pH

### WINEMAKING

native yeast fermentation  
natural malolactic  
unfined  
aged 18 months in oak barrels  
(35% French ~ 65% American)

### WINEMAKERS

John Williams  
Paula Siroky

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 1999 growing season was marked by adequate winter rains, normal bud-break and a bit of heat during pollination. But at the heart of this gloriously rich and supple merlot lies the exceptional combination of the short crop and long, cool growing season, allowing for exceptionally balanced ripening of the fruit and full-blown delicious flavor.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Our 1999 Merlot reflects the great individual complexity of vineyards from three different parts of the Valley: Rutherford, Yountville and Carneros. For the first time in nearly a decade of producing Merlot, our 1999 blend is comprised of 100% merlot fruit. The purity of the merlot with its inherent aromatics of plum and berry red fruit is beautifully supported by firm structure, good acidity and a silky lingering finish.