



Located in the beautiful Uvas Valley, we are a small family owned and operated winery. Our passion for farming and love of wine stems from the generations that came before us. Raise a glass and celebrate good times with ones you love, Živjeli! (jeev-ye-lee: Let's Live)

2018 Ankora Merlot
Santa Clara Valley

Location: Merlot sourced from our estate vineyards in the Santa Clara AVA located in the Central Coast. Merlot Clones 181 and 314 on rootstocks 5c and 3309, planted in 1990.

Winemaking: The grapes were hand harvested and crushed on October 4th 2018. The grapes were given a three-day cold soak before primary fermentation started. Fermentation on skins lasted 10 days. This wine was barrel aged for 2.8 years in 38% new French oak barrel and 62% neutral barrel.

Tasting Notes: Medium bodied wine with aromas of plums, graphite, and allspice. On the palate this wine has flavors of raspberries and has chewy chalky tannins followed by very bright acidity.

Pairing: Because of the acidity, this wine would pair well with dishes that include beef, lamb, pork. For example, a hearty pasta Bolognese or a slow cooked carnitas in salsa verde. It has vibrant refreshing acidity which would work well with richer dishes.

Cases Produced: 100

Technical Data:

14.5% ABV
3.36 pH

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