



VINEYARDS

MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT • CATON VINEYARDS

UPPER BENCH MERLOT



VARIETAL	100% Merlot
FARMING PRACTICES	Certified Sustainable
APPELLATION	Moon Mountain District ~ Sonoma Valley
REGION	Estate Grown, Caton Vineyard
COOPERAGE	18 months, 60% new French Oak
ALCOHOL	14.3%
BOTTLING DATE	April 2023
PRODUCTION	400 Cases
VINTAGE	2021
RELEASE DATE	May 2024

TASTING NOTES

This elegant Merlot greets the nose with rich aromas of ripe cherry and violets, followed by a lush mouth feel with layers of blackberry, currant, and a touch of chocolate. These flavors combine with soft and supple tannins to create a long, silky smooth finish.

CATON VINEYARD

Located in the foothills of Moon Mountain District, the Caton Vineyard is defined by its sustainable farming and belief that healthier vineyards produce unique and distinctive wines. 3.13 acres of Clone 3 Merlot is planted with East-West row direction leading into a ravine. The deep, rocky volcanic soil on the vineyard is rich with iron clay - an ideal atmosphere for producing the highest quality crop with slow, even ripening.

2021 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 harvest is reported to be one of the best vintages in recent harvests for Northern California. The ongoing draught presented some challenges -- limited rainfall and warm growing conditions throughout the summer months resulted in a speedy harvest with lighter yields. The conditions brought smaller berries with exceptional-quality and concentrated flavors.

Ty Caton Vineyards is committed to producing the finest wines made from the highest quality grapes and wine-making dedication at its best. Our limited production allows us to handcraft wines with varietal intensity and balance.

TY CATON
PROPRIETOR & WINEMAKER

