

YOUNGINGLEWOOD

Ours are wines of place, built from the soil up. On our small, family owned and operated estate in St. Helena, Napa Valley, we use attentive, thoughtful farming with organic and sustainable methods. With old world non-interventionist winemaking techniques we translate the estate's character into wines of balance and grace.

2015 MERLOT

-Single Barrel Series-

These extremely limited production wines are produced based on vintage conditions. Individual barrels are selected to provide an alternative look at the Young Inglewood Estate. When available, they are offered first to the Friends of Young Inglewood.

TASTING NOTE: This wine represents the excellent Merlot we grow on our estate in St. Helena. Our first ever 100% varietal Merlot the 2015 Young Inglewood Merlot is enticing and seductive. Sweetly perfumed, the wine glides smoothly across the palate bringing with it the taste of plums, raspberries and spice. Dangerously quaffable, the wine finishes long with concentrated fruit.

WINEMAKING: Our Merlot was hand harvested at night to take advantage of cooler temperatures. Hand sorted, destemmed and gently crushed berries were fermented together in an open-top vessel with punchdowns by hand 2-3 times a day for extraction. After primary fermentation was complete, the wine was sent to barrel. It spent 21 months in neutral French oak, with one racking during elevage.

VINEYARD: The Young Inglewood Vineyard is located on the benchland to the south west of Saint Helena. Deep gravelly loam soils from alluvial deposits that fan out from the nearby Mayacamas provide excellent drainage and contribute to the wine's classic aromatic and flavor profile.

VINTAGE NOTES: Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring resulted in early bud break and bloom. May turned cooler but was followed by a stretch of intensely hot days in August and September. While drought conditions prevailed, Young Inglewood was blessed with water reserves which saw us through to one of our earliest and lowest yielding vintages yet. Rigorous selection in the vineyard, and smaller, concentrated berries ensured that our crop was of the highest quality.



TECHNICAL TEAM

WINEMAKER:	Scott Young Jacky Young	STATS	RELEASE:	March 2019	ELEVAGE:	21 months 100% French oak
VITICULTURAL ADVISOR:	Steve Matthiasson	APPELLATION:	Saint Helena, Napa Valley	VARIETALS:	Merlot	
VUBEYARD MANAGEMENT:	Doug Hill	CASES:	18	ALCOHOL:	14.5%	

