

# Medlock Ames

## Fall 2020 Release



### 2017 Snakepit Red

#### *On the Nose*

this wine offers an abundance of ripe fruit aromas – blueberry, blackberry, and cherry come gushing out of the glass, backed up by more subtle notes of cigar box, leather, and espresso.

#### *On the Palate*

the combination of juicy acidity, rich, soft tannins, and ripe blackberries picked off the vine on a warm day make this the ideal wine to enjoy as a nice sipper by the fire or with a delicious steak.

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463 cases



### 2017 Heritage Merlot

#### *On the Nose*

this vintage is generous with primary aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and plum, with floral and toasty notes followed by the smell of new leather.

#### *On the Palate*

take one sip and enjoy mouthwatering bright acidity where rich berry fruits mingle with chocolate flavors that evolve into a lingering finish.

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486 cases



92  
Wine  
Advocate



## 2017 Right Bank Red

### *On the Nose*

aromas of Bing cherries and sun-ripened strawberries are bound together with new leather and tobacco leaf.

### *On the Palate*

bright acidity and bigger tannins provide a framework to show even more fruit with hints of tobacco. This youthful wine has years of aging potential. The 2017 Right Bank reveals a fruit-driven character and wild, untamed spirit.

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592 cases

## 2019 Newcomb Sauvignon Blanc

### *On the Nose*

primary aromas of intense, ripe peach, pear, lychee, and lemon custard with notes of green cardamom, mandarin peel, green fig, and honeysuckle showcase our Bell Mountain fruit with oak and acacia wood.

### *On the Palate*

a rich mouthfeel not often found in Sauvignon Blanc provides a creamy, luscious character followed by racy acidity at the finish that leaves you eager for the next sip.

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475 cases



## A Note from Ames

*2020 has been one of our earliest harvests on record at Bell Mountain Ranch. All of our whites and a good part of our Rosé fruit was harvested before September. That is a first for us. Heavy rains during bloom knocked some flowers off the vines so the crop is a little lighter than we expected, which means more concentration. The early harvest has been driven by a very warm growing season, especially in August, with a long run of highs in the 90s and a few days going into triple digits. This vintage is also marked by a freak dry lightning storm that sparked wildfires in Sonoma County and throughout California in August. **Our team and our vineyards are all safe.** We've grown used to these annual wildfires with one in each of the last four years, including the Kincadee fire that ravaged our ranch last October. I am in awe of the heroic first responders who have battled these blazes and saved countless lives. I am also grateful for our community in Sonoma County and proud to be a member of it. There has been a tremendous outpouring of support and people look out for each other here. I am also grateful for the members of our Medlock Ames community who have checked in on us throughout these challenges and who continue to support our efforts. It is an honor to make and share our wine with you.*

*Our early harvest kicked off with an early pick in the second week of August with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for our sparkling wine. This is the second vintage of our previously top-secret sparkling project. The inaugural vintage of our sparkling is currently aging in bottle developing the delicious secondary aromas that we love in Champagne. We hope to disgorge and release sometime next year in honor of our 20th anniversary. **We can't wait to celebrate with you!***

