

Annabella 2015 Merlot

Technical Analysis:

Varietal Merlot (95%)

Cabernet Sauvignon (5%)

Appellation Napa Valley

Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 20 months in French oak

Tasting Notes:

The 2015 Annabella Merlot is dark, spicy, and might confuse the uninitiated for a Napa Cabernet. The evocative nose is heavily perfumed with dark plum, blueberries, sweet hay, and malted chocolate. In the mouth, the wine is warm and heavily volatile with flavors black mission fig, milk chocolate, and Chinese five-spice powder. The well structured tannins are smooth and broad, and the wine's lengthy finish is lightly spiced with clove.

Enjoy this enticing Merlot with pan seared strip steak topped with a fried egg and served with roasted fingerling potatoes.