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THE TEMPEST 2022 VINTAGE

Sourcing for this Merlot continues to be from the southern half of Napa Valley, with a focus on Coombsville and Oak Knoll. The Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon is predominantly from the Upper Range Vineyard. The Merlot was picked in late August before the heatwave, lending this wine a surprisingly fresh profile in a warm vintage. In recent years, this wine has been bottled earlier than others in the portfolio to capture the freshness and elegance of Merlot.

Blend: Napa Valley AVA. Blend of 67% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Profile: Juicy and vibrant, with notes of black cherry, underbrush, and sea salt dark chocolate. The wine is medium-bodied with soft tannins, an elegant expression of Merlot that continues to dance on the palate long after the finish.

THE STORY BEHIND THE TEMPEST

Our Merlot-based The Tempest was the first proprietary wine Realm released, so named for the “perfect” storm of grape varietals that became available at the same time, from the same vineyard, in 2002—the year of our tumultuous beginning.

With the 2021 vintage we introduced a new label based on a painting we commissioned from UK artist Richard Twose. The vibrant colors echo the previous label, while the figures perched on stacked chairs evoke the concepts of balance and tension—integral to winemaking. Symbolizing our core value of daring greatly, the composition captures the essence of taking risks and embracing the unknown. In Twose's words, "This painting explores imbalance and risk, urging us to venture into the frightening and unstable to avoid being stagnant." It perfectly encapsulates our ethos.

