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THE TEMPEST 2021 VINTAGE

2021 *The Tempest* is a fresh and delicious take on Napa Valley Merlot. Historically half of the fruit for this wine comes from Calistoga. Over the years, we have gradually shifted further south, with the majority of the Merlot now coming from our Farella Estate in Coombsville, bringing with it more freshness and vibrancy. This will be the last vintage with Merlot from Calistoga.

Blend: Napa Valley AVA. Blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec.

Wine Profile: Fresh and vibrant, heady aromas of bright red cherry and strawberry, with undertones of fresh forest floor and a hint of floral. Soft and supple with velvety smooth tannins and a lingering brightness. Overall less dense than previous vintages but still packed with intense flavors and aromas.

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 varieties that became available at the same time, from the same vineyard, in 2002—the year of our tumultuous beginning.

The 2021 vintage has 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.

