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2021 Sullivan Rutherford Estate Merlot J.O. Sullivan Founder's Reserve

About this
wine



PRODUCER

Sullivan Rutherford
Estate

LOCATION

USA, California, North
Coast, Napa Valley,
Rutherford

COLOR

Red

VINTAGES

2021, 2020, 2019

PRICE

\$310

RATING

97

TASTING DATE

12/26/2023

MATURITY

2023 - 2043

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SOURCE

Napa Valley's
2021s and
2022s - Part 1

REVIEW

The 2021 Merlot J.O. Sullivan Founder's Reserve is also legit great, with an inky purple hue as well as complex aromatics of cassis, leather, graphite, black cherries, and some background spicy oak. A blend of 89% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Cabernet Franc, aged 22 months in 82% new barrels, it's full-bodied, concentrated, has ripe, fine-grained tannins, integrated acidity, and a gorgeous finish. It's one of the finest Merlots in the vintage and will evolve for two decades.