

ESTATE | MICHAEL'S MERLOT

2017



TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION	CARMEL VALLEY		
VINEYARDS	JOYCE VINEYARDS		
BRIX	24	PH	3.6
ALCOHOL	13.7 %		
PRODUCTION	68 cases (12x750ML)		
UPC	8 95627 00210 6		



PLACE

Planted in 1986, the small Joyce Estate Vineyard is tucked away in Carmel Valley Village, located on the West side of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Well drained chalk rock laden soils enriched by the seabeds that once existed there, combined with the coastal influences, sets the stage for a wine of tremendous depth and energy, which allow for longevity.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested.
- Fermented with native yeast at cool temperatures in a small open-top temperature controlled tank.
- Aged on lees 18 months in 30% new French oak.
- Racked to tank and allowed to settle for one month prior to bottling unfiltered and unfiltered.
- 20ppm free SO2 was added only prior to bottling in order to preserve freshness.

AROMA *Morello cherry, framboise, red currant jam, Tahitian vanilla*

PALATE *Black cherry, plum, kirsch, spicy cedar, mocha, delicate florals*

SMALL LOT WINES FROM MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA WITH BALANCE, FINESSE & FOCUS.