



## **Michael Pozzan 2010 Napa Valley Merlot**

100% Napa Valley Merlot  
Aged in French oak for 24 months.

The color of this serious Merlot is a deep ruby color with brick red edges. The aromas are of dark cherry cola notes, cassis and rhubarb notes. The palate expresses a bold style Merlot, in parts more Cabernet than Merlot (in that ripe cherry and tannins are in the forefront and carry astringency akin to pomegranate seed). The wine folds elegantly into a silky Margaux styled Merlot with medium tannins and French oak notes, finishing with finesse and concentrated dark berry notes.

Try it with a tomato bisque soup made with fresh heirloom tomatoes and garnished with a garlicky crouton or for the carniv-adventurous: baby lamb chops seared rare and topped with a Chimichurri sauce (and don't skimp on the sherry vinegar) served with soft polenta and stewed, sundried tomatoes with opal basil.

Drink now through 2020.