



2018 HERTELENDY AUDÈRE RED BLEND NAPA VALLEY

The 2018 Audère is comprised of our ultra premium Rockwell Ridge estate vineyard fruit (planted in 1993 at 1365 feet, 35 ft below the Howell Mountain AVA) in addition to Atlas Peak, Pritchard Hill, and Howell Mountain fruit.

<i>Release Date</i>	October 10, 2022
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	39% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 26, 2018 — October 30, 2018
<i>Cooperage</i>	23 months in 90% new French & Hungarian oak
<i>2018 Growing Season</i>	2018 was an extraordinary year. We had the most predictable weather conditions with no heat spikes which resulted in the longest hangtime on the vines. Vintner Ralph Hertelendy believes it was the best vintage of the decade.
<i>Alcohol %</i>	14.8
<i>Cases Produced</i>	329
<i>Winemakers</i>	Ralph Hertelendy & Phillip Corallo-Titus

CRITIC'S REVIEWS

"The 2018 'Audere' is another fantastic wine from Hertelendy in this vintage and similar to last years release, this is the most accessible wine from this outstanding lineup. It begins with seductive aromas of ripe blackberries, black cherries currants which are joined by exotic spices, violets, wet gravel, tobacco and hints of earthy nuances all developing in the glass. On the palate this is full-bodied and well-structured with beautifully polished tannins. It displays outstanding concentration and overall balance with a long seamless finish leaving behind flavors of black fruits, tobacco, violets and spices all leave a lasting impression. This is already fantastic, however it also has the structure to take on additional bottle age and evolve gracefully for years to come." — 95 Points, International Wine Report

