



KENDALL-JACKSON®

JACKSON ESTATE®

Jackson Hills

2021 MERLOT

BENNETT VALLEY

Jackson Estate wines showcase our cherished vineyard estate properties located on rare, coastal California terroir of mountain tops, ridges, hillsides and raised benchland soils. This limited release allows our winemakers to emphasize the extraordinary terroir of our unique properties and craft very small lots for refined palates.

JACKSON HILLS

Jackson Hills resides in the Bennett Valley AVA, one of the smallest Sonoma County appellations. This Merlot is on the edge, literally. The Jackson Hills vineyard runs right up to the edge of a northeast facing hillside which serves as a dramatic backdrop and offers growing conditions that are on the fringe. This fringe vineyard site, along with the coastal fog influence courtesy of the Petaluma gap and Russian River, gives the Merlot an abundance of character.

KEY POINTS

- Elevation:** 700 – 900 feet
- Soil:** Mix of rocky volcanic, metamorphic and sedimentary rock with dark brown to brown clay loams.
- Climate:** Exceptionally cool for Merlot. Long hangtime due to fog mostly from the Petaluma gap results in increased flavor, color and rounder tannins.
- Profile:** This rich and elegant Merlot presents enticing aromas of tarragon, lavender, cinnamon, and huckleberry. The palate is seamless and focused, with flavors of bright red currants and black cherry, layered with caramel and spice, with a lengthy and polished cocoa finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Appellation:** Bennett Valley, Sonoma County
- Composition:** 100% Merlot
- Barrel Aging:** 18 months in 100% French oak (53% new)
- Alcohol:** 14.4%
- T.A.:** 0.59g/100ml
- pH:** 3.66
- Total Production:** 400 Cases