



Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2021 Maxville Merlot, Estate

Growing Region.....	Chiles Valley, Napa, California
Varietal Composition.....	100% Merlot
Fermentation.....	60% New French Oak
Alcohol Content.....	14.8%
Suggested Retail.....	\$100.00
WineSeller Club Price.....	\$59.99

Broad Strokes:

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In 1841 Joseph Chiles traveled north from Monterey, crossed the Napa River at Rutherford and climbed the Vaca mountains to the northeast side of what is now the Napa Valley AVA. There he discovered an isolated area at 800 ft elevation, a hidden gem that he named “The High Valley”.

Nestled in the serene, elevated landscapes of Napa’s Chiles Valley, Maxville Winery spans over 1,000 acres of breathtaking natural beauty and viticultural excellence. With a deep commitment to sustainability and conservation, Maxville has permanently preserved 700 of these acres under the Napa Valley Land Trust, designating them as “forever wild.” This unique balance of world-class winemaking and environmental stewardship defines Maxville’s identity—where the rugged, untouched wilderness coexists with meticulously cultivated vineyards. Visitors to Maxville experience more than just exceptional wines—they’re immersed in a living landscape that honors the legacy of Napa Valley while helping to protect its future.

Appearance:

Good-looking package with a subtle Darth Vader blackness theme, highlighted by raised and colorful images and fonts. The wine has a ruby red hue on the edges, going to black/opaque at the center.

Nose:

A very fine intensity of darker red fruits to include raspberry and Marion berry. Hints of coffee and mocha. Notes of damp soil and volcanic rock. At one point it reminded me a See’s chocolate with nuts in it.

Texture:

Medium to medium full. In body and weight. Racy acidity and lots of spices activate the palate upon every following sip. A nice firmness is present and has a structure that will provide rewards with bottle age. Juicy fruits.

Flavor:

A very impactful Merlot. Loaded with fruits, but especially spices shine with the likes of chervil, cinnamon, nutmeg and oregano. The juicy fruits of raspberry and blueberry have good concentration, and you will even find a hint of lavender. Nice work on the wood treatment as well.

Serving Suggestions

I love this wine for consuming today but suggest putting some down for 10 years.

