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2017 Markham Altruist Bordeaux Blend- Napa Valley, California

In 1980, Markham crafted its first vintage of Napa Valley Merlot—becoming only the fourth winery in Napa Valley to make varietal Merlot—and a decade later, Markham’s flagship bottling was named “Merlot of the Year” by Wine Spectator. Today, Markham continues to make benchmark Napa Valley Merlots. Their wines are crafted by Winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls, who has been with Markham for over two decades. Markham’s wines have earned much acclaim for their vineyard-inspired complexity and character. Markham practices sustainability without sacrificing quality. This wine is a blend of 68% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, and 5% Cabernet Franc. This “right bank” Bordeaux style red blend allows the velvety Merlot flavors to shine. With 15 months of French & American oak aging, the opulent notes of cherry and plum jam are layered with aromas of cola, vanilla, and toast. Juicy raspberry, dark cherry and dark currant flavors show creamy aspects, backed by firm acidity and tannins. Chocolate mousse accents come in on the rich finish. The wine is dedicated to first responders and Markham supports those who serve our country and communities with an annual donation. 90 PTS WW, 90 PTS WS

Pairings: Enjoy the subtle textures with grilled chicken and roasted vegetables. Red meats, lamb and beef dishes as well as barbecued red meats and dark-meat fowl, or venison are also great pairings. Bordeaux-style blends pair with rich desserts, such as dark chocolate.

2017 J. Christopher Basalte Pinot Noir- Willamette Valley, Oregon

Located in Oregon’s Northern Willamette Valley, J. Christopher Wines is a boutique winery that specializes in Pinot Noir made in the traditional style of Burgundy. The winery is owned by world renowned Ernst Loosen, of Weingut Dr. Loosen in Germany. Erni’s lifetime passion for the wines of Burgundy has led to a philosophy to produce elegant, nuanced wines in a distinctly Old World style with an emphasis on lower alcohol and a modest amount of oak. The wines have garnered an international reputation for their purity, balance and food-friendly drinkability. The Basalte Pinot Noir is selected from vineyards in the Chehalem Mountains. The extremely rocky, fractures basalt subsoils in this area produce wines with great balance and a rocky minerality. This elegant, structured wine includes grapes from the famed Medici Vineyard. Fruit flavors run from ripe strawberry to lighter blackberry, with good supporting acidity. Sleek, refined and expressive, with lively raspberry, crushed stone and herb tea accents that build structure on a long finish. 93 PTS W&S, 93 PTS JS, 92 PTS WS

Pairings: Beef (or Bacon) and Garlic Dishes, Roasted Duck, Grilled Salmon or Tuna, Roasted Pork, or Chocolate Covered Strawberries.

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