

2024 Dakota Shy Switchback Ridge Merlot



Release Date: Spring 2026

Appellation:	Calistoga
Blend:	100% Merlot
Barrel Aging:	18 months in 60% new French Oak
Clones:	3
Rootstocks:	110R
Soils:	Gravelly volcanics
Vineyard Manager:	Matt Hardin
Winemaker:	Tom Garrett
Production:	100 cases, 4 barrels

Winemaker's Comments:

From the same vineyard as our Switchback Cabernet, these 35-year-old Merlot vines produces a profound wine – depth, richness and that silken texture that only Merlot can achieve. Aromas of dark berries and herbs lead to a palate of plush texture and complex layers of plum, black cherry and baking spice flavors. A luxurious mouthful that is perfectly balanced with fine tannin and brightness.



Kelly Peterson is at the helm, steering her family's legacy into its 113th harvest on their property. For over a decade, we've courted these grapes, asking our friend Kelly for the opportunity to someday make Cabernet from her family's singular site. We were fortunate to get our first fruit in 2021. And in 2022 was able to begin getting small amounts of old-vine Merlot. Planted in 1990, these 36 year old vines produce Merlot with phenomenal texture and depth.