



# COURTNEY BENHAM

2018 MELANGE DU BAUM  
MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

Courtney Benham, a leader in quality wine for nearly 30 years, brings you top bottlings from the Napa Valley. From high elevation mountain appellations, to benchland vineyards and sun-drenched valley sites, he seeks locations of distinction, offering wines that are expressive, terroir driven, and exceed expectations.

## VINEYARD NOTES

From a mere 6.5 acre vineyard on the northern end of the Mountain, each block sees ample afternoon sun.

— *Gravel based shale and sandstone*

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Small lot, four-day cold soak, puncheon fermentation, extended 14-day maceration. Maintained moderate temperatures during fermentation until dry, then basket pressed.

— *50% new, 20 months*

## TASTING NOTES

Quintessential Mount Veeder, this Cabernet is rich and powerful, backed by structured, fervent tannins and herbaceous undertones.

— *Cassis, Plum, Dark Chocolate*

— *Dried Lavender, Evergreen Resin, Vanilla*

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| BRIX | 25.5 - 26.9 | ALC.  | 14.8%  |
| pH   | 3.81        | BLEND | 90% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>10% Cabernet Franc |
| TA   | 6.1 g/L     |       |  |