

**1997 FAMILY RESERVE MERLOT
OAKVILLE ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY**



90 Points

Wine Advocate

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

“This wine spends 30 months in primarily new oak (75% in the case of the Merlot). There are 300 cases. Big, robust, intense, sweet vanilla, chocolate, and licorice aromas, along with thick, juicy black cherry and currant flavors are apparent in this full-bodied, powerful, supple Merlot. It should drink well for 15-16 years, atypically long for Merlot.”