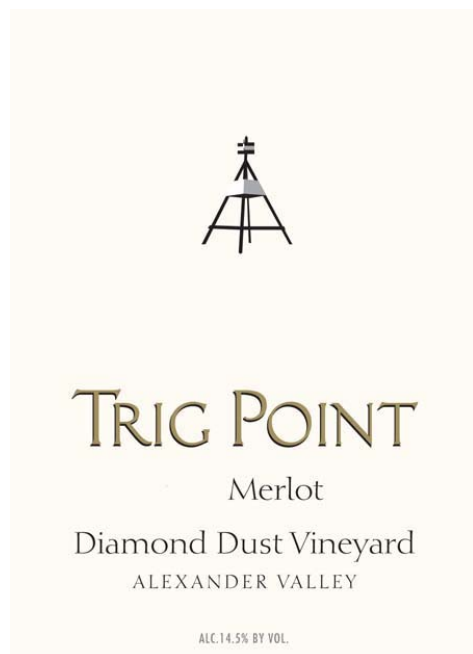


Trig Point

MERLOT - DIAMOND DUST VINEYARD ALEXANDER VALLEY - 2020



REGION: CALIFORNIA - SONOMA



TRIG POINT

“A “trig” has been used for many years to establish boundary lines.

Trigonometrical stations were set on the top of hills and used as surveying sites. Just as my father was a land surveyor and used these trigs as a reference, so do I when it comes to well-known vineyard sites” **Nick Goldschmidt, Winemaker.**

Trig Point is produced by Nick Goldschmidt and his wife Yolyn. After flying the globe for many years as the head-winemaker for the likes of Simi, Allied Domecq, and Beam Estates, Nick decided to start a family company with his wife Yolyn in 1998. The goal of the company was to focus on site specific wine making from great vineyard sites from around the world. Having produced so many world class wines from around the globe, Nick knew exactly from which vineyard sites he would choose to make his wines.

The wines Nick and Yolyn Goldschmidt produce are all single vineyard, handcrafted, small production, artisan wines.

Born in Auckland, Nick found his way to viticulture through a slightly tortuous

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

The Diamond Dust Vineyard lies just south of the town of Geyserville in the renowned Alexander Valley wine region. The southern, cooler region of the Valley with slightly richer soils produces Merlot with more power and depth.

- Average Vine Age: 30+ years – old, low-vigor vines
- Good canopy- to- crop ratio
- Yields: 3.5 – 4.2 tons/acre

Harvest Notes

- 2020 rainfall was 2/3 of average
- March & April rains made huge impact for vines to weather summer’s hot days and cool nights
- Early warmth precipitated an early harvest, about 10 days ahead of historical Sonoma vintages
- Alexander Valley mitigated heat with intense fogs that rolled in from Pacific coast every 3 days
- Extremely small crop – 60% of normal
- 2020 a light and rare vintage
- Hand harvested
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
- Aged in oak barrels 12 months

Winemaker's Notes

Vibrant, dark purple hue. The nose shows gorgeous red cherry and blueberry with spice in the background. Very complex for a wine from the 2020 vintage. The mouth is immediately pleasing. Soft red fruit characters are accented by black tea flavors. Soft and round but with a nice acid to balance.

Technical Information

- 100% Merlot
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l
- pH: 3.55
- Clone: 337



REVIEWS

Merlot – Diamond Dust Vineyard Alexander Valley – 2020

93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, November, 2022

EDITORS' CHOICE

Whiffs of green olive, black pepper and earth complement bold dark plum, black olive and blackberry flavors in this nicely structured, moderately tannic and complex wine. It is well knit together on the palate, concentrated and deep. Expect it to drink best from 2025 through 2032.

GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Sonoma County
Appellation(s)	Alexander Valley, Sonoma Coast
Proprietors	Nick & Yolyn Goldschmidt
Founded	1998
Winemaker	Nick Goldschmidt
Annual Production	5,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Regenerative Farming