

Merlot

APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

WINEMAKING TEAM

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ORIGIN

This Merlot is harvested from select vineyards in California whose topography, soils, and climate provide optimal grape-growing conditions to develop ripe, round fruit flavors.

FERMENTATION

The grapes were gently pressed and fermented in upright stainless steel containers. Rack and return, which is the process of draining all of the free-run juice off the cap and then returning the free-run juice back over the top of the fermenter, was performed twice daily.

AGING

The wine was aged for 12 months in American, French and Eastern European oak barrels.

DESCRIPTION

Perfectly ripe and juicy, like summer plums and cherries.

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- > *salami*
- > *mac and cheese*
- > *pizza*
- > *meatloaf*
- > *tomato sauce*
- > *grilled pork*
- > *wild salmon*
- > *weeknight dinners*



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