

2009 DEL RIO MERLOT

Distinctive Oregon Merlot



100% Merlot

VINEYARD

This unique Rogue Valley Merlot is 100% estate grown fruit. Vines are from the 181 clone sourced from block 5. Del Rio's warm climate allows this Bordeaux varietal to ripen to its full potential.

WINEMAKING

Barrel aged for 10 months in 20% new oak (80% French & 20% American)

STATISTICS

pH - 3.75
TA - 5.1
Alcohol - 13.6%

VINTAGE NOTES - 2009

The midsummer's heat wave accelerated the sugar development and resulted in an early start of harvest. The dry harvest gave way to cooler conditions in late September, delaying the picking of our reds. Fortunately, the majority of the fruit was already near to full ripening, which led to fruity well-balanced white wines and structured reds.

TASTING NOTES

The complex Merlot display aromas of blueberry, licorice, and herbal flavors such as thyme. The barrel aging enriches the aromatics with delightful smokey characteristics. On the mouth the tannins are supple and elegant. The wine offers a modest finish with a pleasant aftertaste due to a year of oak aging.

FOOD PAIRING

This Merlot pairs well with a variety of foods, but we recommend trying it with red meats and sharp cheeses, as well as letting it age for 5-8 years.

290 CASES PRODUCED



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