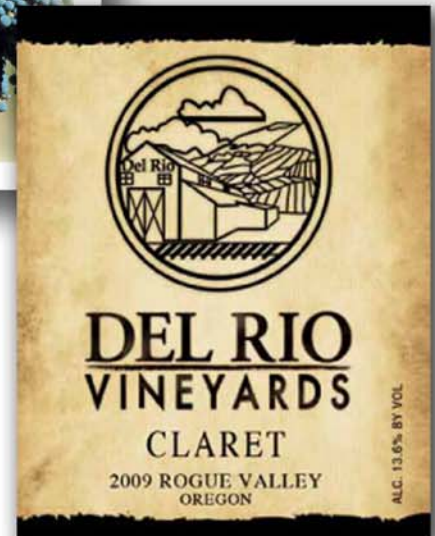


# 2009 DEL RIO CLARET

*Three Meld Claret*

*Del Rio  
Vineyard  
Rogue Valley,  
Oregon*



**D**el Rio Vineyards is located in the Rogue Valley Appellation of Southern Oregon. Warm, dry summer days and cool evenings create the perfect environment for growing Bordeaux varietals. Located on the 42.43° latitude north, we are very similar to Bordeaux, France which is 44° latitude north.

## **VARIETAL**

52% Merlot  
32% Malbec  
16% Cabernet Sauvignon

## **WINEMAKING**

9 months barrel aged  
2/3 French oak &  
1/3 American oak

## **STATISTICS**

pH - 3.76  
Alcohol - 13.7%  
Acidity - 5.2 g/l

## **TASTING NOTES**

The dark colored Claret displays an intense nose of cherry and blackberry harmonized by vanilla and cedar notes reminding us of the barrel aging. The mouth reflects the Merlot driven blend with its subtle fruit lightly complemented with the oak flavors thanks to the 30% new oak aging. The Claret is a delicate wine that will delight the most sophisticated palate.



## **VINTAGE NOTES - 2009**

The midsummer's heat wave really accelerated the sugar development of the 2009 vintage and resulted in an early start of harvest. The dry harvest gave way to cooler than expected 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.

## **FOOD PAIRING**

Pair with cheddar and other hard cheeses, grilled lamb, vegetables, filet mignon, duck, roast beef, pasta with marinara sauce and other hearty dishes.

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