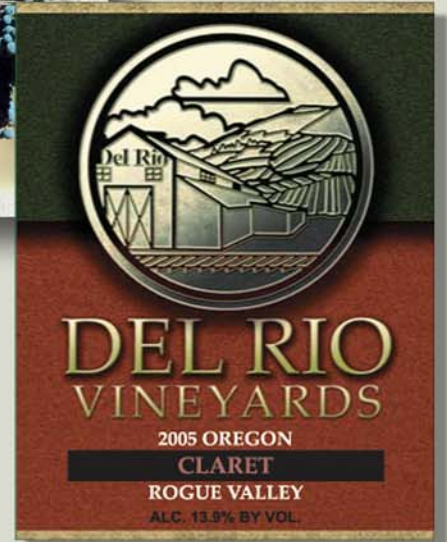


2005 DEL RIO CLARET

Four Meld Claret

*Del Rio
Vineyard
Rogue Valley,
Oregon*



VINEYARD **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

41% Merlot
36% Cabernet Franc
14% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Malbec

AGING

18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 23% new and 18% one year old. Racked quarterly. Then blended, crossflow filtered, and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Comprised of 41% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Malbec. Complex and structured, with aromas of cola, cedar, cassis, and blueberry. Mellow tannins carry flavors of black cherries, plum, and sweet French Oak. This tasty blend has excellent balance and a long, layered finish.



VINTAGE NOTES - 2005

This year's Oregon grape harvest occurred later than most expected, resulting in cooler temperatures, lower alcohol levels, structured acidity and ideal flavor development resulting in excellent quality.

FOOD PAIRING

Pair with cheddar and other hard cheeses, grilled lamb, vegetables, filet minion, duck, and roast beef, pasta with marinara sauce, and other hearty dishes. Enjoy for the next 5-7 years.

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