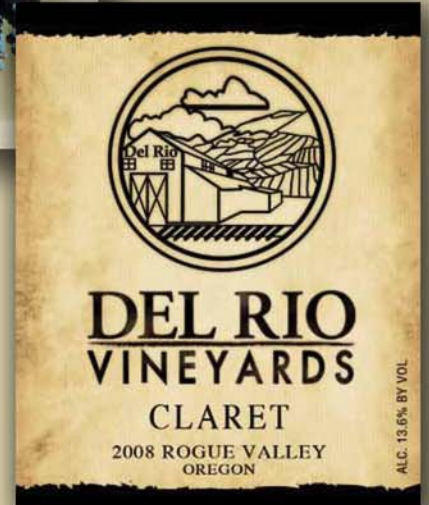


2008 DEL RIO CLARET

Three Meld Claret

*Del Rio
Vineyard
Rogue Valley,
Oregon*



Del 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

44% Merlot
40% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Malbec

WINEMAKING

Aged 18 months in French and American barrels, of which 30% was new oak.

STATISTICS

pH - 3.6
Alcohol - 13.6%
Acidity - 5.2 g/l

TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Claret shows the qualities that have made this blend a favorite. The nose shows intense fruity notes of black currant and cherry. It is then followed by woody flavors of cedar and coffee. The 18 month barrel aging, contributes to a well balanced mouth feel with silky young tannins.



VINTAGE NOTES - 2008

The difficult fruit set of 2008 resulted in a harvest that saw crop load 30% below the average. The small crop coupled with the dry and long summer, lead to excellent ripening of the flavors and colors of the grapes.

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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