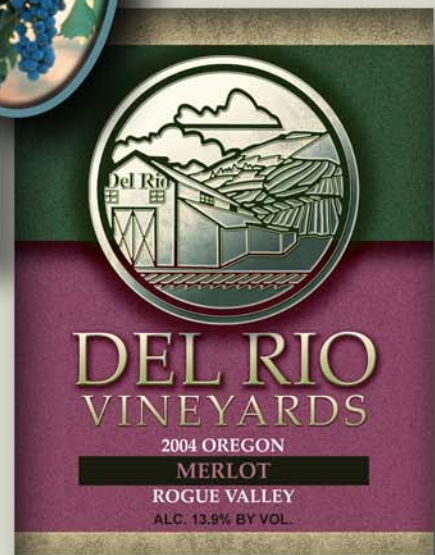


2005 DEL RIO MERLOT

Distinctive Oregon Merlot



*Del Rio
Vineyard
Rogue Valley,
Oregon*



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 allow this Bordeaux varietal to ripen to its full potential.

CROP YIELD

Average 3.5 tons per acre.

SOURCE OF GRAPES

Barrel aged for 18 months in 100% French oak. Racked quarterly.

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.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2005 Merlot is full-bodied with nice fruit to oak balance. Great color along with aromas of plum, earth, and spicy French oak tease our eyes and nose. While incredible flavors of Marionberry, chocolate, and site specific minerality from our vineyard's soil tantalizing our taste buds. A smooth and round entry leads the way to a long, dry 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.