

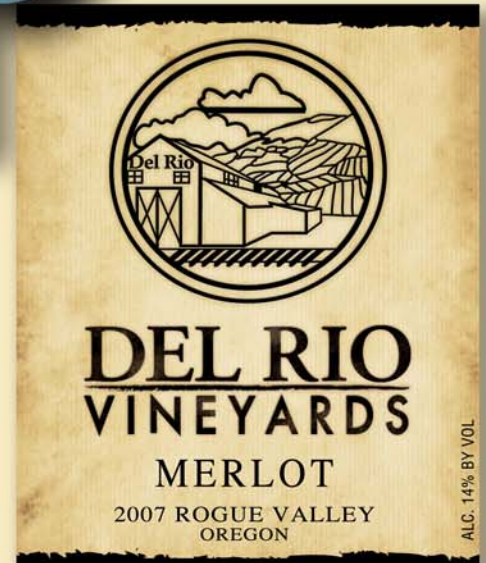
2007 DEL RIO MERLOT

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.

WINEMAKING

Blended with 5% Malbec. and barrel aged for 18 months in French and American oak.

STATISTICS

pH - 3.7
Alcohol - 14%
Acidity - 4.6

TASTING NOTES

Our 2007 Merlot shows fruits of black currant and blueberry followed by vanilla and coconut flavors. The nose gives way to nuances of smoke and cedar notes. The use of both French and American oak barrels adds a luxuriant dimension to this wine.



VINTAGE NOTES - 2007

Benefitting from a late harvest the grapes experienced much cooler temperatures, lower alcohol levels, structured acidity and ideal flavor development. 2007 was indeed an excellent vintage..

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.

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