

# Merlot

APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

## WINEMAKING TEAM

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## ORIGIN

This Merlot is harvested from select vineyards in California whose topography, soils, and climate provide optimal grape-growing conditions to develop ripe, round fruit flavors.

## FERMENTATION

The grapes were gently pressed and fermented in upright stainless steel containers. Rack and return, which is the process of draining all of the free-run juice off the cap and then returning the free-run juice back over the top of the fermenter, was performed twice daily.

## AGING

The wine was aged for 12 months in American, French and Eastern European oak barrels.

## DESCRIPTION

Perfectly ripe and juicy, like summer plums and cherries.

## entwines WITH

- > salami
- > mac and cheese
- > pizza
- > meatloaf
- > tomato sauce
- > grilled pork
- > wild salmon
- > weeknight dinners



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