

BACKSTORY

MERLOT *California*

Each year, a new chapter unfolds in our vineyards. Long warm days and constant nurturing give way to the frenzied excitement of harvest. Early dawn brings rushing feet, busy clippers and bins swelled with ripe fruit hurried to the waiting cellar. There, our winemaker's patient hand and the embrace of gentle oak coax vineyard bounty into finished wine. Every wine has a back story, a place where bold characters are born. A rich storyline set against a lush backdrop that unfolds with layer upon layer of intrigue. And in the case of a true classic, a finish that leaves you wanting more.

VINEYARDS

A blend of premium Merlot grapes grown in some of California's finest vineyards, including the Lodi and Sacramento Delta regions.

WINEMAKING

- Grapes picked between 23.5 and 25.0 Brix
- 7-day fermentation at 72-85 degrees
- Stainless steel aging with French oak

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

- Alcohol: 12.5%
- Residual Sugar – 2.2 g/l
- Color: ruby red
- Aroma: black, cherry, herbs and spice
- Palate: medium-bodied and easy-drinking

TASTING NOTES

A supple, medium-bodied red wine with inviting aromas and flavors of black cherry, herbs and spice. Balanced with a smooth texture and soft tannins for a lingering, satisfying finish.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Serve at room temperature. Enjoy with a wide variety of dishes including beef, chicken, pork, pizza and tomato-based pastas.

