



FOUNDED 1981

WHITE OAK

VINEYARDS & WINERY



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Alexander Valley • Napa Valley • Russian River Valley

2008 Napa Valley Merlot

Varietal Blend:
100% Merlot (clone 181)

SOIL:
Volcanic soils, strong gravel outcroppings with 20% Serpentine soil and shale deposits.

TECHNIQUE:
Manually harvested. Picked at optimum ripeness. Hand sorted in the vineyard. Destemmed and crushed into stainless steel fermentation tanks. Inoculated with Bordeaux Red yeast, the wine was pumped over twice daily. Near the end of fermentation, the wine was inoculated with malo-lactic bacteria. The maceration was extended to 3 weeks, after which it was pressed, racked off the gross lees and moved to barrels. Aged 18 months in 50% new Bordeaux style French and Hungarian oak barrels. Racked quarterly to aid the natural clarification. Bottled May 25, 2010.

TASTING NOTES:
Lush black fruit notes integrated with toasty oak offer cranberry, nutmeg, and vanillin flavors. The mid-palette follows with sweet boysenberry, brioche and roast coffee. The wine finishes rich and supple, with silky tannins.

PRODUCTION:
2176 Cases

WINEMAKER:
Bill Parker

ALCOHOL:
14.6%

ACCOLADES:
GOLD MEDAL – OC Wine Society

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