



## 2005 MERLOT

### **Praxis named Best Merlot Under \$20 *Food & Wine Magazine* October, 2007**

The grapes for this wine again come from a vineyard on a rise in the heart of Alexander Valley. After fermentation, the wine was aged for 18 months in predominantly American oak barrels. Bill finds that the American barrels complement the varietal characteristics of Merlot in a special way.

The wine is deep purple in color with ruby highlights. Aromas of spice and a forest earthiness perfume the glass. Flamboyant flavors of Bing cherries, plums and toasted coconut are followed by vanilla and spice as the wine opens. Full bodied with soft and supple texture, the wine is well-balanced with a long finish.

Varietal:	100% Merlot	Alcohol:	14.2%
Appellation:	Alexander Valley	% Malolactic:	100%
TA (g/100 ml):	.65	Brix at Harvest:	24.3
pH:	3.5	Res Sugar(g/100ml):	.02
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	1422 cases

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