



2005 MERLOT

Best Merlot Under \$20
Great American Wine Awards
Food & Wine Magazine **October, 2007**

“From warm Alexander Valley comes this superripe young Merlot. It’s fresh and vibrant in jammy cherry, blackberry and wintergreen flavors, with a keen sharpness of acidity”
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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.

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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