



2007 MERLOT

The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard on a rise in the heart of Alexander Valley – the same vineyard that garnered our 2004 Merlot the title of Best American Merlot Under \$20 in *Food & Wine Magazine* (October, 2007) and praise for our 2006 Merlot as “Merlot before it was mass produced...lip-smacking velvety, with a little complexity and guts.” *Woodbury Magazine* (Fall 2009)

The color is a deep red with purple highlights. The nose offers vanilla, black cherry and plum, with warm spices and dry herbs. The wine is sleek and elegant with good acidity and full mouthfeel. Flavors of strawberry, blackberry, pomegranate and cassis are complemented by vanilla and spice. The wine has a long finish with soft tannins and toasty oak.

Varietal:	100% Merlot	Alcohol:	13.5%
Appellation:	Alexander Valley	% Malolactic:	100%
TA (g/100 ml):	.68	Brix at Harvest:	23.8
pH:	3.68	Res Sugar(g/100ml):	.02
Barrels:	American oak	Time in Barrel:	18 months
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	1672 cases

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