

LA FAMIGLIA

CALIFORNIA MERLOT 2009



• GRAPE SOURCING •

Grapes for our Merlot were selected from among the best coastal growing regions in California, including from the North Coast and the Sacramento River Delta Region. In these areas, warm sunny days provide optimum grape ripening, while Pacific Ocean fog create cool nights and maintain the acidity in the grapes, resulting in a balanced Merlot full of flavor.

Appellation: 100% California

• WINEMAKING •

After harvest, the fruit was handled gently and fermented in stainless steel to preserve the fully fruit flavors in the grapes. The individual lots were kept separate according to their respective growing areas, and blended to balance the fruit flavors with the crispness and structure of grapes from Mendocino and the North Coast. A portion of the blend was oak aged to add subtle toast and vanilla accents.

Varietal Blend: 81% Merlot, 19% Blend of Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, and Other Reds

• SOMMERLIER NOTES •

Our Merlot is a rich garnet color, with flavors of black cherries, plums, and figs, with a soft, smooth finish. With its crisp acidity and ripe fruit flavors, this wine is an easy match with a wide range of main courses, including meats, pasta and vegetarian dishes.

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