



2006 MERLOT

Wine Enthusiast – “87 POINTS”

March 2010

Dry and a little bitter in tannins, with flavors of cherries, cranberries and herbs. It's elegantly constructed and feels silky and balanced in the mouth. A very nice and versatile food wine that will take a few years of cellaring.

Wine Spectator – “88 POINTS – TOP VALUE”

February 28, 2010

Lively, with appealing plum and toasty oak aromas and soft, juicy cherry and spice notes.

2005 MERLOT

California Grapevine – “HIGHLY RECOMMENDED”

October – November 2008

Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, herbal, tarrish, cedary, black cherry fruit aroma with notes of tobacco and green olive; medium-full body; herbal, cedary, black cherry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Nicely balanced and drinkable now.

Colorado Wine News

October – December 2008

Aged for 19 months in French and American oak, 49% new, it opens with well combined aromas of earth, plum, blackberry, black cherry, and smoke which continue as flavors laced with smooth, dry tannin before a long, medium-broad finish. Well balanced, structured, and integrated.

2004 MERLOT

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "88 POINTS – ONE PUFF"

March 2007

If showing Merlot's black-cherry bias in terms of its fruit, this well-filled, slightly sturdy wine is laced with Cabernet tannins and is built for mid-term aging. Its youthful toughness noted, it is still fairly rich and fit with plenty of fruit, and three or four years of patience are certain to bring the polish and varietal smoothness that it presently lacks.

Colorado Wine News

January – March 2007

Blend of 70% merlot, 16% cabernet sauvignon, 3% malbec, and 2% cabernet franc. It was aged for 18 months in French and American oak and opens with oak, baked blackberry, blueberry, and currant introducing soft, bright, sweet-edged flavors of the same laced with lots of tannin. This finish is long, narrow, and wrapped in tannin.

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March 2007

Back in the '80s Dry Creek Valley had a reputation for Merlot that seems to have been forgotten but shouldn't be, to judge by this fine, soft bottling. It's rich and forward in raspberry and cherry jam, mocha-choca and cola flavors, with a long, spicy, dry and very elegant finish.

California Grapevine - "RECOMMENDED"

December 2006 – January 2007

Medium ruby; pleasant, herbal, cedary, red berry fruit aroma; medium-full body; moderately rich, textured, cedary, plummy, black cherry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; rough, lean finish; lingering aftertaste.
