



## MERITAGE

### 2013 MERITAGE – Sonoma County

WINE<sup>REVIEW</sup>ONLINE.COM  
March 2018

**94 Points** - This is classic example of how less is often more. Weighing in at a modest 13.5% stated alcohol, this blend of Bordeaux grapes displays a panoply of black fruit and savory flavors. There's a hint of cassis-like notes and an olive-like nuance among others. But what's captivating is its glossy, but not soft, texture and enlivening acidity that keeps it fresh and you coming back for more. A subtle bitterness in the finish reminds us that it's perfect for offsetting the richness of beef. Not a "powerhouse" or overdone kind of wine, it still packs plenty of punch. It's perfect for current consumption and a bargain to boot.

### 2008 MERITAGE – Sonoma County

WINE ENTHUSIAST  
February 2013

**91 Points** - Soft, gentle and rich, this is made for drinking now with Cabernet-friendly foods. It offers blasts of blackberry and cherry pie, currant, licorice and sweet cedar flavors, wrapped into fine tannins. The blend is made from all five classic Bordeaux varieties, based on Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE & SPIRITS  
December 2012

**89 Points** - "**Best Buy**" - Ripe black cherry scents add to this wine's intensity, as does the black, smoky character of its oak. The dark flavors last, lightened by floral notes and pepper. This will benefit from a year or two in the cellar.

CRITICS CHALLENGE  
WINE COMPETITION  
May 2012

"Gold Medal"

### 2007 MERITAGE – Sonoma County

WINE & SPIRITS  
August 2011

**92 Points** - "**Best Buy**" - The wine has richness without excessive sweetness, the dark fruit balanced by cedary herb scents and intense tannins that leave a mineral brand. Decant it to enjoy with grilled sirloin.

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE  
TO CALIFORNIA WINE  
April 2011

**87 Points** - **One Star** - Starting out in the nose with a mélange of well-ripened dark fruits and following on with like-minded flavors...hints variously at blackberries, cherries, currants and plums.