

SILVER PALM[®]



2013

MERLOT

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

92% Merlot

7% Petite Verdot

1% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRIMARY GROWING REGIONS:

60% Mendocino

38% Napa

2% Sonoma

AGING:

13 months in 67% French oak
and 33% American oak,

10% new

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

TA: 0.47

VINEYARDS:

The grapes for Silver Palm Merlot come exclusively from California's North Coast AVA, which includes Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties. The region is profoundly influenced by cool coastal air and fog from the Pacific Ocean, resulting in temperate vineyard microclimates ideal for the cultivation of beautiful tasting Merlot.

VINTAGE NOTES:

2013 was nearly an ideal growing season, with moderate temperatures and no rain or heat extremes. The season began early, with a warm and dry spring, and the weather stayed practically perfect all the way through to an early harvest. Warm days and cool nights allowed grapes to ripen slowly and produce amazing quality and high quantities. Our winemakers are thrilled at the potential of the 2013 wines coming off the heels of the 2012 vintage.

TASTING NOTES:

Our Merlot is a well-structured wine with supple tannins and a long soft finish. Dark fruit flavors of blackberries, boysenberries, and blueberries coupled with earthy tones like tobacco and limestone creates a truly wonderful Merlot.

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