



## 2009 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).

Deep purple in color with red highlights dancing in the glass. Plum and blueberry aromas are accented by notes of cedar, allspice and sage. Black cherry, blueberry, plums and red cherry flavors are complemented by lingering vanilla, dried herb and spice. This juicy, plush wine has a long finish with medium tannins and toasty oak.

Varietal:	100% Merlot	Alcohol:	13.8%
Appellation:	Alexander Valley	% Malolactic:	100%
TA (g/100 ml):	.66	Brix at Harvest:	23.9
pH:	3.62	Res Sugar(g/100ml):	.02
Barrels:	American oak	Time in Barrel:	24 months
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	829 cases

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