

STONEHEDGE WINERY

2009 Napa Valley

Merlot

The Vineyards and Winemaking:

The Stonehedge Reserve Napa Valley Merlot is produced from grapes grown in Napa Valley. This area is famous for producing excellent Bordeaux style varietals, of which Merlot is one.

The wine was made using the traditional small tank fermentation and barrel ageing. .

Growing season:

The 2009 vintage was preceded by three years of drought, but by March, rainfall for the season was close to normal. A mild and cool spring coupled with a touch of late spring rains ensured strong yet well-balanced vine growth. The summer temperature was seasonable, allowed the fruit to steadily ripen. September arrived with the warmest weather of the season. An early October rain delayed harvest by a week, but the fruit was in perfect condition.

Tasting notes:

Our Reserve Napa Merlot is a very fruit forward wine with aromas of plums, black cherries, and has hints of cloves and vanilla. The flavors include raspberries, plums, cocoa, coconut, and vanilla.

This wine is wonderful with chicken dishes, pork tenderloin, pasta dishes, and rich chocolaty deserts.

While ready to drink now, it will improve over the next 5 years.



Harvest Date: October 4, 2009

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.65

Titrateable
Acidity: 0.64

Fermentation: Stainless Steel

Oak Aging: 11 Months in
French and American
Oak

Blend: Merlot

Appellation: Napa Valley