

2005 Merlot



Vintage/ harvest	September 29th 2005
Varietal composition	90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Aging	15 months in new and one year old barrels
Brix	26
TA	0.62
PH	3.67
Alcohol	14.2%
Awards	Pending

Wine makers notes *From grapes planted in 1987 and 2001, the Arena Valley Vineyard consistently produces full-flavored, full-bodied Merlot grapes, and 2005 was no exception. Over the years I've tried to highlight the heft of this fruit in my winemaking; from a warm fermentation with extended maceration to a strong addition of press fraction wine and fifteen months in oak barrels.*

Deep ruby and brilliant this ample-bodied merlot shows magnificent fig, licorice, and blackberry aromas with blueberries and firm but velvety tannins on the palate make it a crowd pleaser.



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