

2005 ESTATE MERLOT

Technical Information:

Harvested: September 19-28, 2005

Blend: 100% Merlot Vineyard: Estate

Appellation: Sierra Foothills **Sugar at Harvest:** 25.2°Brix **Alcohol:** 15.5 % by Volume

pH: 3.74

145 cases bottled January 2007

Winemaking:

Cold soaked for 3-5 days, fermented in small-lots, then pressed at dryness. The wine aged in 30% new French oak for 16 months.

Tasting Notes:

Dense, youthful garnet in color, our 2005 Estate Merlot exhibits aromas of black cherry, plums, and cocoa. The palate is soft and fruit forward, supported by supple tannins.

Food Pairing:

Our Merlot pairs beautifully with pasta with hearty sauces, grilled meats, and strong flavored cheeses.

Retail price: \$26.00

