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Merlot 2009

Merlot, with its black cherry, cassis, soft tannins and silky mouthfeel stands out as a very easy to drink wine. This is a varietal that does very well, year after year, on our gentle sloping vineyards. As a key varietal in our Lake William blend it contributes deep amethyst hues and dark berry flavors.

This Merlot 2009 is 100% Merlot! Each year we set aside a select portion of Merlot to be bottled on its own as a varietal wine which has become one of the most sought after Jarvis wines today.

Before bottling, the 2009 vintage was aged 22 months in New French Haute Futaie oak, allowing the wine to integrate its plum, black cherry and spice flavor characteristics into a wine that is especially food friendly. It is bottled unfined and unfiltered delivering these delightful flavors intertwined with a hint of toasty vanilla on the finish. This wine was cave aged and was then released when our winemaker felt it was ready for full enjoyment. Best to consume within ten years.

Grapes:

100% Jarvis Estate

Harvest:

September 8th - October 2nd, 2009

Varietal Composition:

100% Merlot

Barrel Aging:

22 months

100% New French Haute Futaie Oak

Cave Temperature:

61° F

Fining & Filtration:

Unfined & unfiltered

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

Technical Data:

Alcohol - 14.2%

Total Acid - 6.1 g/liter

pH - 3.75

Production:

545 cases



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PLATINUM MEDAL
"Superlative"
96 points

