



Wine Spots

2009 Napa Valley Merlot

OVERVIEW

- Sourced from acclaimed Rutherford and Oakville vineyards in Napa Valley
- Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months, offering supple tannins and a lingering finish.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

The fruit for the 2009 Wine Spots Merlot was sourced from sub-regions of Napa Valley, including the acclaimed Rutherford and Oakville appellations.

The 2009 vintage was an excellent year with none of the stress of the previous harvest. The growing season offered mild, steady weather, resulting in bright fruit with pure varietal character and ripeness without excessive sugar. Even though there were heavy storms during harvest season, the grapes were unaffected by the rain.

FERMENTATION AND MATURATION

Harvest occurred at the beginning of September through October, allowing the grapes to develop deep fruit intensity. The grapes were stainless steel fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels and underwent malolactic fermentation and then racked prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Wine Spots Napa Valley Merlot is an elegant wine. Sweet cherry and plum aromas are accented by hints of vanilla, fine herbs and aged leather. French oak aging in small barrels emphasizes the fruit flavors of cherry, plum and blackberries and adds hints of toasty oak. This is a classic example of Napa Merlot with supple tannins and a lingering finish.

TECHNICAL FACTS

Region: 100% Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 13.5%

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