



Wine Spots offers an exploration into the finest wine regions around the world. Our boutique collection of wines captures the distinctive qualities and terroir that make the regions unique.

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VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Merlot

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

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Napa Valley MERLOT 2011

2011 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.

THE NAPA VALLEY REGION

Though small in size, the Napa Valley consists of 14 appellations with unique micro-climates and varying soils, offering ideal winemaking conditions. The fruit for the 2009 Merlot was sourced from the acclaimed Rutherford and Oakville appellations of Napa Valley.

THE VINTAGE

The 2011 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.

THE WINEMAKING

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.

THE FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS

Enjoy with poultry, red meat, grilled salmon, duck, seared tuna, mushroom dishes.

