



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

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APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley

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ALCOHOL: 14%

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## Napa Valley MERLOT 2012

2012 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 2012 Merlot was sourced from the acclaimed Rutherford and Oakville appellations of Napa Valley.

### THE VINTAGE

From start to finish, 2012 was a fantastic year for the Napa Valley harvest. The growing season began with an ideal spring bud break, followed by warm days and cool, foggy nights throughout the summer months. The low rainfall allowed the vines to achieve optimal ripeness, resulting in bright fruit with complex, concentrated flavors.

### 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.

