



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: 14.5%

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Napa Valley MERLOT 2013

2013 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 2013 Merlot was sourced from the acclaimed Rutherford and Oakville appellations of Napa Valley.

THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage can best be described as "early, even, and excellent". A warm, dry spring led to early bud break and canopy vigor, creating ideal conditions for flower and fruit set. Consistent summer temperatures and low rainfall allowed the fruit to achieve optimal ripeness. An early but long harvest with almost no rains provided ideal hang time, allowing the grapes could be picked at optimal ripeness, 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.

