

WINE OF THE WEEK

Lyeth Meritage 2012

CHRIS AND SHERRY HARDIE
 Brambleberry Winery

Blending red wines has always been a tradition in the Bordeaux region of France, where six



specific grape varieties are allowed.

Lyeth was one of the first wineries in California to embrace

Bordeaux blending and was a founding member of the Meritage (rhymes with heritage) Association in 1988.

With a merlot base (57 percent) and smaller percentages of cabernet sauvignon, malbec, cabernet franc and petit verdot. (the only variety missing is carmenere) this wine emulates the French style with prominent tannins, dark fruit flavors and spice.

Sherry: "Dry, tart and full-bodied with big and bold flavors of blackcurrant, black cherry and spicy clove on the finish." (3.5 stars out of 5)

Chris: "A bouquet of blackberry with flavors of black cherry and cranberry and a finish of dry and extended tannins." (3.75 stars out of 5)

Available from \$15 to \$18.

Coming next week:
 Protea Chenin Blanc

