

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY

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Buena Vista Winery

CARNEROS

2012
MERLOT
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Inspired by its pioneering roots, the winery began to explore a little-known corner straddling Sonoma and Napa's southern boundaries known as Carneros. It wasn't long until Carneros gained recognition as one of the world's premier appellations, particularly for varietals that can thrive in cool climates: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah.

The Merlot grapes were handpicked at night to preserve fruit character and were gently destemmed before a five day cold soak which increased color, fruit essence and structure. The must was then fermented in small, open-top fermenters using daily hand punch downs. The extended time on skins and hand punch downs helped to extract maximum color, flavor and intensity.

Our 2012 Carneros Merlot opens with tempting aromas of blackberry and black cherry accented by nuanced notes of plum and a dash of cinnamon. On the palate, the fruit aromas develop into integrated flavors that are accompanied by elements of pomegranate and dark chocolate. Rich and complex, the wine culminates in a long, satisfying finish.



Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.58

Total Acidity: 5.81 g/L

Aging: 100% Neutral Oak for 13 months

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