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Buena Vista Winery

BUENA VISTA

2013
MERLOT
SONOMA VALLEY

With its roots so deeply ensconced in the foundations of Sonoma where it was established in 1857, Buena Vista Winery is again introducing wines from Sonoma. The Sonoma wines include a diverse array of varietals that celebrate the diversity of Sonoma's terroir and the contribution of Buena Vista to establishing the California wine world.

The majority of the 2013 Sonoma Valley Merlot was grown in the Palmer Vineyard located on the alluvial fans just south of the city of Sonoma. The moderate climate in the Southern Sonoma Valley combines with the well-drained Zamora loam soils at Palmer to foster naturally balanced vines and intense, concentrated grapes.

A fraction of Malbec from the Richard Dinner Vineyard was blended to complement the 2013 merlot. The Spreckles loam series soils dappled atop fractured bedrock at Dinner restrict vegetative growth and focus vine energy on developing rich, flavorful berries. Both vineyards were night harvested in early October to ensure optimal quality.

The 2013 Sonoma Valley Merlot opens with enticing aromas of plum skin and dusty chocolate. Rich flavors of dark plum and baked fruits with a subtle touch of dried herbs round out the palate. Big, firm tannins and dark, dense flavors make this an immediately enjoyable wine that would pair well with a Hungarian goulash.

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.65

Total Acidity: 5.82 g/L

Aging: 9 months in 100% French Oak, 33% New Oak



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