

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PREMIUM WINERY

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Buena Vista Winery

SONOMA APPELLATION

2014
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 2014 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 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.

Our 2014 Sonoma Valley Merlot presents aromas of bright fruit and cassis berry with sweet spice and baker's chocolate. Flavors of ripe plum and blackberry envelope the palate with notes of nutmeg and a touch of leather. Big, firm tannins and a dense core lead to a fruitful, lingering finish.



Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.61

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L

Aging: 14 months in 100% French Oak, 20% New Oak

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