



AVA: Carneros
Composition: 100% Merlot
Alcohol: 13.8%
TA: 5.7 g/L
pH: 3.56



2014 Carneros Merlot

Sitting at the crossroads of Carneros and Napa Valley, Starmont occupies a portion of the historic Stanly Ranch. Established as a wine growing region over 150 years ago, Carneros and Napa Valley are world renowned for sustainably growing classic Burgundian and Bordeaux wines. With foggy mornings and cool afternoon bay breezes creating the perfect conditions, Starmont wines are expressive, approachable and distinctly Carneros.

Wine Notes

We love Merlot from the southern part of Napa Valley, especially the Carneros AVA. The region's cool climate and marine-based soils bring out the best in this Bordeaux variety. Our 2014 Carneros Merlot shows pretty aromas of strawberry, blackberry, milk chocolate, fresh rosemary, and red plum. On the palate it starts soft and round, shows sweet fruits and lusciousness on the mid-palate, and has well balanced acidity and tannins with a long finish that resolves nicely.

Winemaking

All of the fruit was handpicked and hand sorted. After a cold soak of three days, the wine was fermented and macerated for 12 days. The wine was aged for 20 months in 11% new French oak, then racked to tank to finish and bottle unfined.