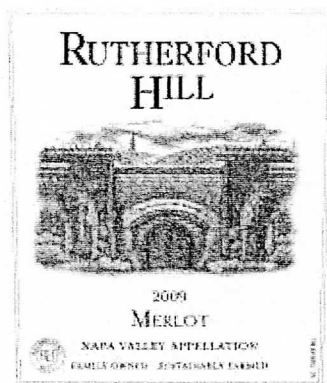


RUTHERFORD HILL MERLOT

Rutherford Hill's Merlot is an elegantly refined blend of classic Bordeaux varietals that create a beautiful bouquet of rich aromas and prolonged flavors. Lavish cherry fruit flavors are backed by a rich, balanced structure for an intensely complex Merlot. At Rutherford Hill winery, only French oak barrels are used to age each harvest. These barrels rest naturally in our caves which provide a unique environment that enhances the wine-aging process. Silky, full-flavored, firm, and built for today's enjoyment, the wine finishes with smooth tannins and intricate layers of flavor on the palate.



WINE NOTES

COLOR

Garnet

AROMA

Intense aromas of raspberry and plum with a hint of dried cherries.

TASTE

Exceptional mouthfeel, with concentrated flavors of red fruit. Plush tannins confer the wine a rich finish; with a hint of cocoa, caramel, and dry currants.

FACT SHEET

Vintage:

2009

Type:

Red

Grape Variety Used: 85% Merlot 7% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Syrah 1% Malbec 1% Petite Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Alcohol Level:

13.90%

Acid Level:

5.80 g/l

Length/Type of Fermentation:

Average 16 days on skins. Stainless steel tanks with daily pumpovers, pressed at dryness.

Length/Type of Aging:

Barrel aged in French 225L barrels for 15 months, 25% new Oak