



PLUMPJACK
WINERY

PlumpJack
2007 Merlot
Napa Valley

VINEYARD...

Our 2007 Merlot is a blend of 91% Merlot 8% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Cabernet Franc. We source our Merlot from three vineyards (70% Beckstoffer's Orchard Ave., Chris Johnson's vineyard in Calistoga and Ink Grade on Howell Mountain). The Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 2 vineyards (Beckstoffer's Dr Crane and Kenefick Ranch in Calistoga.) The Cabernet Franc is also from Kenefick Ranch

HARVEST...

The grapes were harvested from these esteemed properties in perfect physiological condition between August 31st and September 24th at an average of 26.6 brix, Titratable acidity of .52 g/100ml and a pH of 3.76.

FERMENTATION...

Ensued after a 24 hour cold soak at 55 degrees. The fermentation lasted for 15 days and reached a maximum temperature of 90 degrees.

AGING...

Took place in 70% new oak cooperage (70% French, 30% American). Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was raked 3 times and was in barrel for 18 months.

BOTTLING...

Took place April 14th, 2009

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2007 Napa Valley Merlot is a wonderful snapshot of a legendary vintage. Classic aromas of ripe plums, black cherry, ripe currants and chocolate jump from the glass. Rich, vibrant flavors of blackberry, soy, dark chocolate and vanilla coat the palate. The wine is a true pleasure to drink now but will reward cellaring of five to six years if you can keep your hands off it!!!!!!!!!!!!

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