



2014 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Winemaker Notes:

The 2014 Marilyn Merlot is a deep rich scarlet wine with purple hues that immediately catch ones eye as it is poured in the glass. The aromas exhibit good intensity with a complexity of dark, mature fruit, hints of mocha, forest floor, earthiness and mushroom characters. This merlot has a solid medium body, good structure, and well balanced with well integrated tannins. The flavors follow the aromas with added nuances of spice, cherry, and a bright lingering finish. Very enjoyable now but will reward with at least 5-8 years of aging.

The Vineyards:

Marilyn Merlot has been lucky to have access to great Napa Valley vineyards including again this year Andy Beckstoffer's, Missouri Hopper from the Oakville Appellation. These two great vineyards are the foundation of this wonderful wine which was bottled July 1, 2015.

The Vintage:

"Another early and excellent quality year", is how the 2014 growing season, is being described. Heavy rains early on gave the vines a much need drink as they emerged from dormancy. A warm and moderate springs allowed for good even growth. The summer's repetitive warm periods and cool periods provided ideal ripening weather. This resulted in small berries with good acidity and deep flavor.

Pairing:

Well made Merlots pair well with many foods, from hamburgers to pizza, almost any meal is better with Merlot.

Photograph:

Bernard Bruno (Bernard of Hollywood) was considered the discoverer of Marilyn Monroe. This photo is from the 1950's and Marilyn was producing her own movies. Marilyn Monroe and is said to have told Bernard, "Remember, Bernie, you started it all" you discovered me!



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Grapes: 97% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley
Sugar: 0.12 (dry)
pH: 3.66
Acid: 0.62g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.1%
Suggested Retail: \$30.00
Winemaker: Bob Pepi

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