



## **Truchard Vineyards**

### **Merlot Napa Valley Carneros 1997**

**92 Points** - In '97 the merlot grown in Truchard's warm corner of Carneros produced a sumptuous, chewy and delicious red, at once big and bulked up while maintaining an airiness and light-footed appeal. The dark color and dark chocolate scents lend credence to the wine's grand scale and sophisticated flavor profile. It's tempting to compare its cool, earthy nature to a fine Bordeaux, though it's more useful to place it in context with other Carneros merlots, of which this is one of the best.