

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



MERLOT—RESTAURANT NOTES

Who makes it?

Truchard Vineyards is a family operated winery that has been growing grapes in Napa Valley since 1973. Truchard Vineyards started making wines under their own label in 1989.

Where it grows?

All of Truchard's wines are estate grown in Carneros AVA. Carneros spans the southern region of both Napa and Sonoma County and because of its proximity to the bay area, it is generally quite cooler than the rest of Napa and Sonoma. The cool climate produces wines that have bright acidity and fresh fruit characteristics. The Merlot is grown on a part of the property that has more clay soils which provides better structure for this early ripening variety.

What it tastes like?

It has concentrated aromas of floral blueberry, ripe plum and blackberry; with hints of cedar, spice, and subtle mint. The mouth is rich and smooth – black cherry, plum jam, red currants, and sweet vanilla. Fine-grained tannins focus the palate and provide an elegant finish of dried red fruits.

What style of wine is it?

This Merlot is made in a "Right Bank" Bordeaux style. It is grown on clay soils and a cool climate, resembling the Pomerol Appellation where many fine merlots are grown. The coolness gives the wine lots of acidity and tannin. To balance this, about 25% Cabernet Franc is added to give the wine some softness and add to the aromatics.

What it pairs with?

This Merlot pairs well with many hearty meat dishes, especially lamb.

This wine in Ten Words or less –

25% Cab Franc and 75% Merlot makes this a big, yet well balanced Merlot.

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