Meritage

American Red Wine

Varietal Composition
40% Merlot, Lodi, CA
35% Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State
10% Cabernet Franc, Bella Luna Vineyards, Leesburg, VA
15% Petit Verdot, Two Principals Vineyards, Warrenton, VA

Harvest Information
Hand harvested September

Tech Data
ABV: 13.2
pH: 3.74
TA: 5.6

Cooperage/Oak
American & French Oak (25% New), 18 Months

Production
220 Cases

Winemaker's Notes
Meritage is a Bordeaux-style wine made from two or more of the red "noble" Bordeaux grape varietals (typically, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec.) The term Meritage was trademarked in 1988 by a group of California winemakers who wanted to create a recognizable name for Bordeaux-style blends without infringing upon the Bordeaux (France) region's legally-protected designation of origin. The term Meritage (coined from "merit" & "heritage" and pronounced like heritage) was selected from over 6,000 entries in an international contest.

Tasting Notes
A beautiful integration of fruit and wood, this vintage is dark crimson in the glass, with aromas of blackberry cobbler and black raspberry reduction. Smoked bourbon cherry and baking spices fill the palate with a front forward tannin structure that lingers on smoky finish.

Food & Wine Pairings
Our Meritage is the perfect red wine to sip by a fire, on its own or with pasta Bolognese, beef or cheese fondue, or roasted portabella mushrooms.