

# Raspberry Merlot

Red Table Wine | Loudoun County, Virginia

## Release Date

December

## Varietal Composition

35% Red Raspberry Wine: Bella Luna Vineyard, Leesburg, VA  
65% Merlot + other Varietals

## Tech Data

ABV: 12.5

pH: 3.4

TA: 5.99

Residual Sugar: 5

## Cooperage/Oak

Merlot – 8 mos. In older French oak

## Production

150 Cases of 750mL

285 Cases of 375mL

## Winemaker Notes:

At the Bella Luna Vineyard, our red raspberries are harvested throughout August and September. The crew selects only the finest, ripest berries for peak sugar levels and flavor intensity. After harvest the berries are immediately put into fermentation. After fermentation but just before bottling, the raspberries and barrel-aged Merlot are blended together. For that perfect balance, Doug makes sure the Merlot's tannins structure complements the fruitiness and the acidity of the raspberries

## Label Notes

*Raspberry Merlot's label is also quite unique. Its wispy white-satin design is actually the word "raspberry" written in Ogham ('bgam), an early medieval alphabet. The Ogham script was read from the bottom to the top and used to write the early Irish language. It is dated back between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries AD and exclusively found in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.*

## Food & Wine Pairings

At Fabblioli Cellars, Raspberry Merlot is our product with the most name recognition. Raspberry Merlot is a purrfect balance of our own red raspberries and Merlot with undertones of savory, jammy berries. This dessert-style wine is at its best served chilled and paired with lots of luscious dark chocolate. Over the years, staff members and customers have recommended more ways to enjoy this versatile wine such as pouring over Klondike bars, drizzling on raspberry shortcake, or adding to your favorite fudge brownie recipe. Any way it is served, Raspberry Merlot's distinctive style is second to none.

