

Marilyn Wines


17th
PASO ROBLES MERLOT

Norma Jeane™
2014

Winemaker Notes

Making a young Merlot requires a coordinated effort on the part of the vineyard staff and the winemaker, to grow the grapes and make wine with the knowledge that the wine is slated for early release. One is immediately struck with the rich, deep, purple color of the 2014 Merlot. There is nice intensity of aromas with raspberries, red currants, and plums and hints of spice and cedar notes. The flavors mimic the aromas with a rich medium body and good weight on the palate. We really love this one and it's time to say, "I'll have a glass of 2014 Norma Jeane."

The Vineyards

New for this year we used 100% Merlot from area known as the 'Estrella Traingle' which is in the heart of the Paso Robles AVA. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and is 16 years of age. The grapes were harvested at 25.8 brix and the wine was made to our specifications.

The wine was bottled February 25, 2015.

The Vintage

Paso Robles winegrowers breathed a deep sigh of relief. While the state still suffers from drought conditions, which lowered yields in many spots, well-timed rains kept vines growing and a sunny summer and fall meant ripe grapes. The drought may be reducing harvest sizes but it is helping to produce intensely flavorful berries with notable concentration and depth across the board, This all combined to reward us with one of our nicest Norma Jeane Merlots to date.

Pairing

This Norma Jeane, is a natural with pizza, paninis, and pasta.

Photograph

Marilyn appears on the cover of the magazine *Personal Romance* wearing a red striped blouse and a ship captain's hat in this photo taken by Bruno Bernard. Marilyn once remarked "Remember Bruno, everything started with you!" as he took some of the earliest photos of Marilyn.



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Grapes: 100% Merlot
Appellation: Paso Robles AVA
Harvested: Early September 2014
Sugar: .16 Dry
pH: 3.78
Total Acid: 0.53g/100ml
Alcohol: 13.5%



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