

Marilyn  
Merlot

Retro - Neon " 2011

Marilyn Merlot Arrives



"With a resurgence of interest for our 25th/SILVER ANNIVERSARY in 2011, and the sexy Red Dress in 2012, people continue to talk about the quality and collectability of Marilyn Merlot," says Donna Holder, an owner of Marilyn Wines, "but Marilyn wouldn't have just collected these wines, she would have drunk them." That's because "the wine lives up to its reputation, plush, soft, and sultry" according to Leslie Sbrocco, author of "Wine for Women". And when they try it, reviewers admit to "surprise" at the high quality.

Due for public release on Sept 1, 2013, the 2011 wine works for you the discerning wine buyer who wants to make an impression – elegant, and drinking beautifully anytime in the next 10 - 15 years.

Enjoy a bottle: It's a fun dinner party wine – a conversation piece that lives up to its promise of Napa quality and glamour in the glass

Collect a bottle: It's still one of the most collectible wines for Marilyn Monroe fans and lovers of fine Napa Valley. *A must have vintage in sequence that includes the 2009 Vintage 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

Gift a bottle: Makes a great wedding present, corporate gift, or for friends and family members who are raving fans of Marilyn.

The 2011 features a relaxed, playful image of Marilyn Monroe in a green, low-cut blouse, short black skirt and timeless fishnet stockings with black peep-toe pumps. Like the wine, a fashion that never goes out of style.

**Winemaker's Notes:** The 2011 Vintage Marilyn Merlot is the 27th release for this fine wine. It is a straight Merlot this year. The wine was aged in 100% oak barrels, 35% of which were new for this vintage. Aromas of ripe strawberry and cherries, primarily thyme and lavender complement the oak components of vanilla and smoke from the wood. Moderate alcohol and good acidity make this wine a good pairing with fine foods. Vineyard locations for this wine are from our longtime growers in Yountville and Oakville regions of the Napa Valley. John McKay

**Harvest Dates: September-October 2011**

**Alcohol 13.9% Total Acid 0.59g/100ml**

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