

Marilyn Wines



Marilyn Merlot™

2013 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Winemaker Notes:

The 2013 Marilyn Merlot is a deep rich scarlet wine with purple hues that immediately catch one's eye as it is poured in the glass. The aromas exhibit good intensity with a complexity of dark, mature fruit, hints of mocha, forest floor, and earthiness characters. This merlot has a solid medium body, good structure, and well balanced with well integrated tannins. The flavors follow the aromas with added nuances of spice, cherry, and a bright lingering finish. Very enjoyable now but will reward with 5-8 years of aging.

The Vineyards:

Marilyn Merlot has been lucky to have access to great Napa Valley vineyards including again this year Andy Beckstoffer's, Missouri Hopper from the Oakville Appellation, along with Benessere's Merlot from the St. Helena Appellation. These two great vineyards are the foundation of this wonderful wine which was bottled July 1, 2015.

The Vintage:

After 3 years of challenging vintages, the 2012 vintage was a winemaker's delight, but the 2013 seems to have been even better. We had another year of very moderate weather during the growing season, with few heat spikes above 90 degrees and little if any significant rain until after most of the Cabernet Sauvignon had been picked. Winemakers from around the Valley say that the 2013 reds offer intensity, complexity and freshness.

Pairing:

This well made Merlot pairs well with many foods, from steak to pizza, and almost any meal is better with Merlot.

Photograph:

Bernard Bruno (Bernard of Hollywood) 1952: Marilyn photographed in a publicity still for the movie Niagara. The film was a success, and Monroe's performance had positive reviews. The movie that made Marilyn a star when it was released in January 1953.



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Grapes: 97% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation: Napa Valley
Sugar: 0.12 (dry)
pH: 3.66
Acid: 0.62g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.1%
Suggested Retail: \$30.00
Winemaker: Bob Pepi

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