



Meritage®

2014 NAPA VALLEY

Merlot (62%) Cabernet Sauvignon (29%)
Cabernet Franc (6%) Petit Verdot (3%)

Winemaker Notes:

The dark purple hues and the depth of aromas in this wine immediately speak of the strength of the 2014 harvest. In the nose, one is attracted by smells of blackberries, spice, and pleasing earthy aromas. The lush, round entry on the palate leading to a well structured, full mouthfeel, ending with a long pleasing finish. Added notes of black cherry, ripe plums and nicely integrated oak make this Meritage a wine that can be enjoyed now but will reward the patient consumer with the added complexity that will be gained with years of aging.

The Vineyards:

The grapes all come from the Napa Valley. For the Merlot we are lucky enough to have access to Andy Beckstoffer's best Merlot from Missouri Hopper Vineyard in the Oakville Appellation. This appellation is an excellent growing region for Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. This vineyard produces some of the most flavorful and dynamic Merlot we've tasted.

The Vintage:

"Another early and excellent quality year", is how the 2014 growing season, is being described. Heavy rains early on gave the vines a much need drink as they emerged from dormancy. A warm and moderate springs allowed for good even growth. The summer's repetitive warm periods and cool periods provided ideal ripening weather. This resulted in small berries with good acidity and deep flavor.

Pairing:

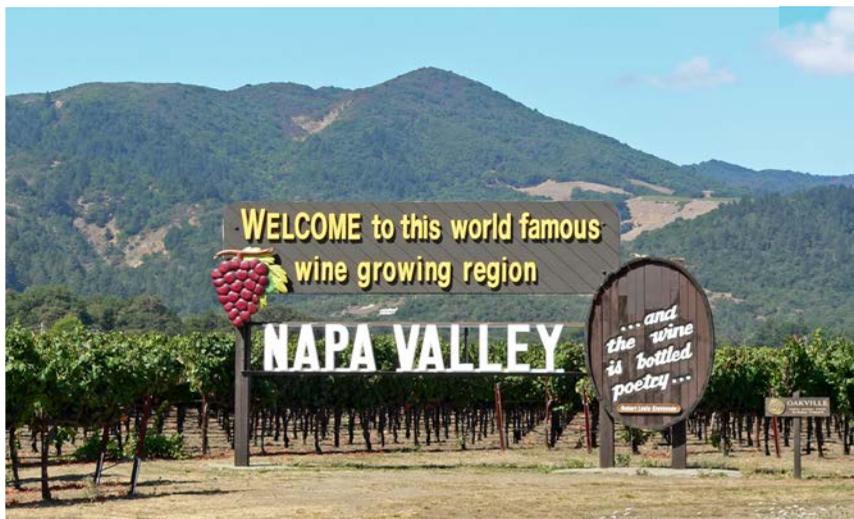
Meritage blends are some of the most complex and layered wine available. Try pairing it with grilled beef, braised short ribs, or even a mushroom pizza.

Photograph:

Publicity photo by Sam Shaw for the movie How To Marry A Millionaire in 1953. Marilyn is wearing the famous iconic satin Dahlia gown created for her by William Travilla.



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Appellation: Napa Valley
Sugar: .12 (dry)
pH: 3.66
Acid: .62g/100 mL
Alcohol: 14.5%
Suggested Retail: \$50.00
Winemaker: Robert Papi

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