



JONATHAN EDWARDS
WINERY

2011 Napa Valley Merlot

Vineyard

Wood Ranch, Yountville, California. Located in the heart of Napa Valley, this vineyard is located optimally for ripening and production of Merlot.

Production

The grapes were hand picked and fermented in Napa Valley California. After a 24 hour cold soak, the yeast was added and fermentation temperatures were maintained around 85 degrees. A pump-over regimen was used to maintain proper oxygen levels in the must and to ensure appropriate color and flavor extraction. Once pressed and settled, malo-lactic fermentation was initiated and the wine was transported to our Connecticut winery for aging. 18 months of barrel aging in a blend of French and American oak barrels allows for the concentration of the wine and integration of the spicy oak flavors.

Tasting Notes

This robust but easy-drinking Merlot has a full bouquet of black cherries, tea-leaf, currents and tobacco. A long finish with soft tannins is to be expected.

Technical Data

Alcohol		13.9%
pH		3.69
Acidity		5.4 g/L
Brix at harvest		23.8
Harvest Date		9/27/2011
Production		575 cases

