



2014 One-Iron Napa Valley Meritage

Good viticulture and vineyard tending was a key to the long hang-time and full flavors achieved during the harvest. Old Vine, dry farmed Merlot and eastern Napa hillside Malbec and Petite Verdot combined to make this wine delicious and ageworthy.

These beautiful grapes were hand-picked and sorted before gentle destemming and fermentation in small stainless steel tanks for a total maceration period of 28-35 days. After fermentation, the wine was racked to small, French and American oak barrels for 30 months to allow mellowing and complexity.

Meritage is a term used to describe wines made from the Bordeaux varietals in California. This delicious blend of Merlot, Malbec and Petite Verdot will rival any big red you will find at twice the price. It will pair with lamb chops, prime rib-eye steak and aged Gouda cheese in addition to a host of other flavors and combinations. It will age well for a decade or more, but is drinking beautifully now with slight aeration. Enjoy with friends and family and all occasions, grand and humble. Cheers!

Review & Tasting Notes from Master Sommelier Catherine Fallis, Planet Grape: 91 Points

Open, expressive and lightly gripping Merlot-based red with notes of blueberry, plum, sage, milk chocolate and dark roast coffee.

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