

Sweetwater

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2005 Merlot Chalk Hill, Sonoma County



Our Vineyards:

These Merlot grapes are sustainably grown and harvested entirely by hand. We have worked in conjunction with nature for nearly four decades in the Russian River Valley, where our Los Amigos Ranch, in the Chalk Hill region, is known for producing wines of balance and character.

Winemaking

After fermenting the grapes on their skins, this Merlot was aged for two years in American Oak. Deep extraction of color and full flavor was achieved.

In The Bottle

Bold and beautiful, this Merlot has a bright cherry and brambleberry nose, lightly spiced with hints of freshly grated nutmeg and soft oak. An elegant wine, our Merlot is great right now with a dry cheese plate or pork ribs; this bottle will also pair well with a light Bolognese or anything with caramelized onions.



HARVEST DATE: Sept. 28 – Oct. 21	TOTAL ACIDITY: .66	ALCOHOL: 14.5%	RELEASE DATE: January 1, 2008
pH: 3.34	RESIDUAL SUGAR: Dry		Inaugural Release!
