

# vilafonté

Why is Vilafonté not releasing 'Series M' from the 2008 vintage?

As we prepare to release our excellent 'Series C' 2008, it seems appropriate to note and briefly review why we are not, for the first time ever, releasing a 'Series M' 2008.

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*"I consider the Vilafonté 'Series C' 2008 to be a lovely vintage."*

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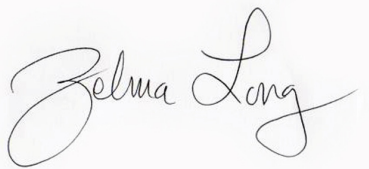
Our 2008 vintage was very small, due to weather conditions affecting bloom (flowering) and berry set.

This provided a smaller "palette" of wines from our vineyard for blending. I prepared initial blends of both the 'Series C' and 'Series M' for barrel aging. Over time,



evaluating the blends in barrels, I felt that this vintage of 'Series M' was not exhibiting the fruit expression and concentration that defines our Vilafonté wines. However, the Cabernets and some of the Merlots showed excellent concentration & complexity which has translated into, what I consider to be a lovely vintage for the Vilafonté 'Series C' in 2008.

I know that the classic areas, such as Bordeaux, release every vintage, however, at Vilafonté we have established criteria of excellence for the 'Series M & C' wines. We are committed to maintain those characteristics that distinguish them, so that our customers can trust that the essence of our wines (complexity, concentration & length) will always be there. Simply put, the 2008 'Series M', to me, did not fit that criteria, and thus the difficult decision not to release it, was made.



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