

vilafonté

Series M 2005

Silky & Complex

Its aromatics are open and inviting: black cherry jelly...dried flowers...hints of almonds...definitely a variety rather than a simple forward fruit. M has a smooth entrance on the palate; very even weight for its whole length, and some “fruit sweetness” in its middle and finish; even some chewy milk chocolate notes. Stylistically, it is the most concentrated Series M that Vilafonte has yet produced.

The fruit intensity combined with the Cabernet structure and sense of roundness and richness promises that this will be a long aging wine.

The Vintage

The backbone of Merlot and Malbec, combined with the normally larger grapes of these varieties, are giving, in this vintage, a lush and accessible wine that has immediately pleased those who have tried it early after bottling. Much of our Merlot and Malbec harvest was cool with more humidity than normal; likely contributing to the pretty fruit characters of this vintage. At the same time, the 31% Cabernet in this Series lends weight and structure and makes this a more serious, complex wine than most Merlot style wines.

The Blend

Merlot 52% Malbec 17% Cabernet Sauvignon 31%

No. of barrels: 49 French oak barrels

Aging: One and one half years in French oak barrels