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## 2012 CALIFORNIA MERLOT

### TECHNICAL DATA

#### APPELLATION

California

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

87% Merlot

8% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petite Sirah

#### COOPERAGE

40% new French oak

60% neutral oak

#### TOTAL ACIDITY

0.65 g/100ml

#### TOTAL PH

3.45

#### ALCOHOL

13.5%

#### RELEASE DATE

September 2013

#### BOTTLE SIZE

750 ml

Sourced primarily from vineyards in Paso Robles and Arroyo Seco, this soft and plush Merlot shows aromas of crushed black plums and spicy cloves. Medium bodied on the palate, this wine balances jammy black fruit flavors with a touch of drying tannins. Additional flavors of cocoa powder and cedar show on the finish giving the wine a dark and rich character.

The spicy flavors in this wine make it a nice pairing for grilled foods like Jamaican jerk chicken, or grilled pork tenderloin.

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