



1999 Strata Merlot

Greetings from the Napa Valley!

We are pleased to announce the release of our 1999 Strata Merlot. This marks the first vintage produced by Strata Vineyards. We feel that the uniqueness of the soil and the hands on grape growing and winemaking has given us an incredibly lush wine with great character.

Tasting Notes:

1999 was characterized by consistently favorable grape ripening conditions. The wine was barrel aged from December 1999 until November 2001 for a total of 23 months in new French & American Oak. The French oak imparts a spicy aroma while the American oak contributes a sweet (vanilla) mid-palate. The uniqueness of Strata's virgin soil, carefully controlled grape growing and wine making, has given the perfect flavor to our 1999 Merlot. We have created a lush wine with great character.

Winemaking Notes:

- Grape Varietal: 100% Merlot
- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Harvest Date: September 16, 1999
- Grape Sugar: 24 degrees brix
- Time in Oak: 23 months
- Type of Oak: 50% French 50% American
- Wine Alcohol: 13.8%

100% Merlot 100% Napa Valley

Many thanks to all of you for contributing to the success of Strata. Our plan for the future is to continue making wine from grapes grown by us on our own property. We are dedicated to producing wines of uncompromising quality and distinction. This along with our hands on techniques will continue to produce a quality product for years to come.

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