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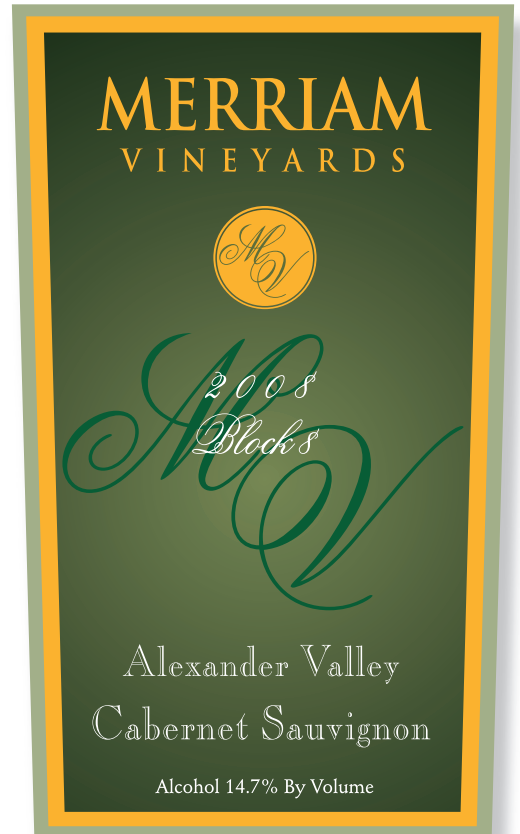
Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard/Winemaking

The Reichel/Smith vineyard is located on Pine Mountain, high above the valley floor in the northernmost reaches of Alexander Valley. At an elevation of 2,100 feet, it is graced with ample sunshine and is rich in volcanic soils. We processed this vintage slowly allowing for dense extraction of both color and flavor. It spent 24 months in 40% new French oak. The wine was raked 4 times the first year, 3 times the second and once during the last 6 months in the barrel. No filtering occurred before bottling.

Tasting Notes

A brick-red brilliant ruby color with aromas of tea leaves, cassis, jumble berries, caramalized pecans and a hint of flintyness. Blackberry jam appears on the palate along with dark cherries and dried red berry fruit. Lasting finish with smooth tannins, cedar plum and cassis.



Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:

100% Smith/Reichal
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.78

TA: 6.6

Brix (at harvest): 26.4°

Barrel Program: Aged 24 months

100% French Oak
50% New

Production: 237 cases

