

*Windacre*

Russian River Valley  
Merlot



From a  
single vineyard...  
a singular Merlot.

# 2001 *Windacre*

Sonoma County

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### Windacre Vineyard

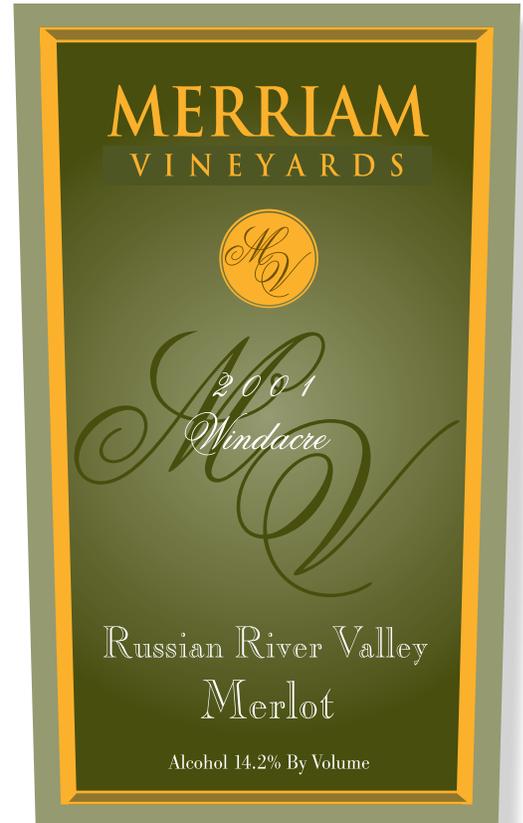
Windacre Vineyard is a single vineyard on the east edge of the Russian River Valley that experiences cool morning fog giving way to hot days and dropping temperatures in the evening. Windacre is a great Merlot grape growing vineyard, very similar in temperature and soil types to the Pomerol region of France where the most famous Merlots are made.

The soils in Windacre vineyard vary. On the high backbench is sandy, silty soil, which adds more concentrated tannins to the grapes. In the middle is the rocky, gravelly soil and toward the bottom of the vineyard by the creek bed are clay and loam—the soil types responsible for the deep purple color of the Merriam “Windacre” Merlot. All of the soil types contribute to the intense flavor while the cooler temperatures allow the grapes to retain the perfect combination of acidity, pH and sugar.

### Tasting Notes

A sensual Merlot with abundant fruit in the bouquet continuing onto the palate. Pleasing to the eye with its rich scarlet color, the 2001 Merriam Vineyards “Windacre Vineyard” Merlot tantalizes with aromas of black cherry, cedar, anise and cocoa. Upon tasting, flavors of ripe cherry, chocolate are enhanced by hints of vanilla and clove spice. The wine’s beautiful mouthfeel gives way to a lingering, still fruity finish and completes a truly satisfying, varietally true tasting experience.

CA Suggested Retail Price: \$35



### Technical Notes

**Varietal Composition:**

95% Merlot  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Finished Wine      At Harvest**

**% Alcohol**                      **Brix**  
14.1%                              24.0-24.5

**pH**                                      **pH**  
3.55                                  3.45

**TA**                                      **Harvest Dates**  
.65g/100ml                      Sept. 3 and 10, 2001

**Cases Produced:** 1232

**Barrel Aging:** 40% new French oak,  
(1/2 Berger, 1/2 Bossuet) 18 months in  
French oak, 1 year in bottle before release.