

Windacre

Russian River Valley
Merlot



From a
single vineyard...
a singular Merlot.

2011

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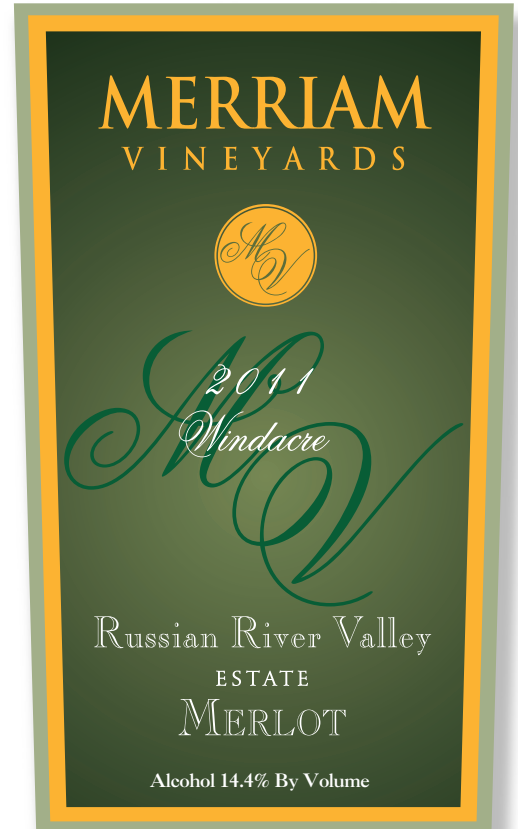
Windacre Vineyard is a single vineyard on the east edge of the Russian River Valley that experiences cool morning fog giving way to hot days and dropping temperatures in the evening. Windacre is a great Merlot grape growing vineyard, very similar in temperature and soil types to the Pomerol region of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

Windacre's 30 year old Merlot vines have been reduced to 1 ¾ acres. The new planting consists of four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and two new acres of Merlot. Our .85 acres each of Cabernet Franc are now eight years old.

Crop thinning continues to occur to ensure the best possible fruit at harvest. 1 ¾ - 2 tons per acre were produced from Windacre Vineyard.

Tasting Notes

Our 11th vintage of Merriam Vineyards Merlot. 2011 brings a deep dark ruby color. As always, this vineyard shows great notes of raspberry, dark dried cherry with notes of vanilla. A thick viscous mouth feel with flavors of cherry, red berry and casiss. Medium acidity, light tannins still young and "will age well." Enjoy!



Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:

98% "Windacre" Merlot
2% "Windacre" Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.48

TA: 6.8

Brix (at harvest): 25.5°

Barrel Program: Aged 18 months

100% French Oak

40% New

Production: 260 cases