

MERRIAM
VINEYARDS

Alexander Valley
Cabernet
Sauvignon



2007 Block 8

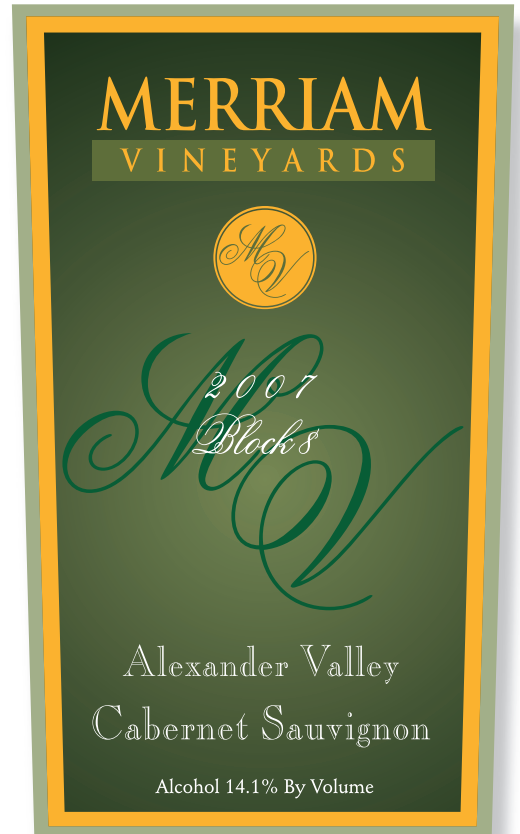
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Vineyard/Winemaking

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. During the blending trials, it was decided to blend 5% Cabernet Franc. No filtering occurred before bottling.

Tasting Notes

This mountain fruit cab is dark in color, with great volume and full-bodied. Aromas of dark chocolate, dried dates and a hint of blueberry and annis in the background. Medium acidity and fine grain tannins lead to a long lasting finish of semi sweet chocolate, cola and date, with a faint hint of cedar. Enjoy now or over the next 5 - 8 years.



Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:

95% "Block 8" Cabernet Sauvignon
5% "Windacre" Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Alcohol: 14.1%

pH: 3.49

Brix (at harvest): 24.0°

Barrel Program: Aged 24 months
100% French oak barrels,
40% new

Production: 200 cases

Suggested Retail: \$40/bt

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