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Dry Creek Valley
Cabernet
Sauvignon



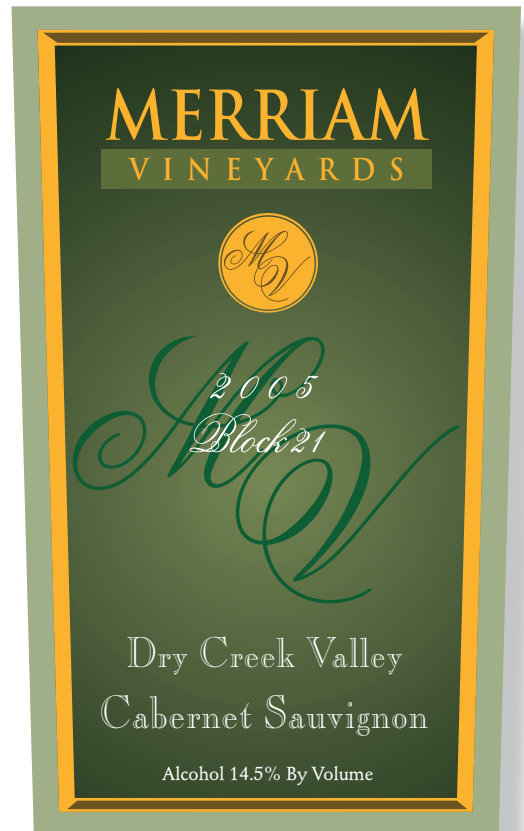
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This, our sixth offering from this small family winery, Merriam Vineyards' 2005 "Block 21" Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from one small precisely-farmed block of Cabernet Sauvignon in the Dry Creek Valley. T.R. Passalacqua Vineyards overlooks most of the Dry Creek Valley from high above the valley floor. This elegant Cabernet Sauvignon from "Block 21" sits at the highest point on this 100 acre parcel. Special attention is given to reduce crop load in addition to a minimalistic approach to watering and a lot of T.L.C.

Tasting Notes

Deep, dark and ruby in color with Bing cherry, eucalyptus, strawberry and cedar in the nose. Flavors of red berries, black cherry and bittersweet chocolate with a medium body. Abundant mouthfeel with no hard edges—bright acid, tannins with a slight toast of oak. A lasting finish of cassis, cedar and tobacco. Drink now, but will age gracefully for 5-8 years.



Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:

100% "Block 21" Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.4

Brix (at harvest): 25.5°

Barrel Program: Aged 24 months

100% French oak barrels,
40% new, 60% 2-3 years old

Suggested retail price: \$35/bottle

Production: 258 cases

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