



2008 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Winemaker's Notes

Our Napa Valley Merlot has always been a favorite among seekers of soft, supple red wines ready to drink from the get go. To celebrate the "born ready" exuberance of our Merlot, we've bottled it with a Stelvin closure. The 2008 vintage shows full fruit characteristics of strawberry and cherry, with a hint of raspberry and spice. Rather than make you sweat for it, we're going to make you twist for it!

Cellar Facts

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Varietal:	Merlot
Case Production:	7,000
Aging:	15 months, French, American and Eastern European oak
Suggested Retail Price:	\$24
Enjoyability:	Drink now through 2014 for optimum enjoyment.

On the Vine

For this Napa Valley bottling, Flora Springs blends Merlot from our Komes Ranch in Rutherford, our St. Helena, Crossroads Ranch in Oakville, and our Cypress Ranch in Pope Valley. We have found there is no single spell to making great Merlot, the combination of vineyard site, meticulous farming methods, and specialized clone and rootstock selection allows us to craft a Merlot of great complexity and depth. While we do feel our Merlot vineyards have a bit of magic in them, the real trick is how quickly our Napa Valley Merlot disappears!



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