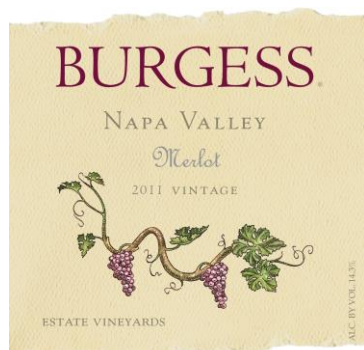


BURGESS

NAPA VALLEY



MERLOT – Napa Valley



Vintage:	2011
Appellation:	Napa Valley, California
Vineyard Location:	Burgess Estate Triere Vineyard, Yountville
Grape Variety:	100% Merlot
Winemaking data:	Alcohol 13.7%; pH 3.65; T.A. 0.58; 100% Malolactic fermentation
Harvest Notes:	After a consistently cool summer Napa enjoyed a long period of warm weather which provided a perfect ripening period.

Story:

Our Merlot is grown in our fertile Triere vineyard in the Oak Knoll district, where 90% of Napa's Merlot is grown. Fermented in our rotary fermenters, it has much more depth and structure than an ordinary Merlot. We planted the vines in the mid 80's to blend with our Cabernet Sauvignon, and then when we saw what a gorgeous wine it made we planted more to produce on its own. Starting with the premier 1993 vintage, it is now one of our flagship wines.

Description:

The aroma of the 2011 Merlot will immediately remind you of what the British call a "Claret", or a red from Bordeaux. Considering 62% of red grapes grown in Bordeaux are Merlot, this makes sense. Pretty red fruit and vanilla aromas with a hint of earth announce this wine has character. The cherry, raspberry, cola flavors are bright and smooth, the finish refreshing. This wine is a classic style that compliments many cheeses, nuts, duck dishes, prime rib, ravioli and other savory, not sweet or too spicy dishes.

Vineyard & Winemaker Notes:

The very wet winter and spring of 2011 slowed fruit set and development, and the cooler summer slowed development even more. But, a warm early fall brought the fruit to perfect ripeness to produce a beautiful wine with all the varietal uniqueness of the exquisite Merlot.

Cases produced:	4,122
Release date:	Fall 2014
Suggested retail:	\$32.00