



VILLA
SAN-JULIETTE
 VINEYARD & WINERY

2008 MERLOT

Those of you who've known me for awhile also know that Merlot is a passionate topic of mine. I never miss an opportunity to stand on my soapbox and preach about how 90% of the Merlot grown in this state is in the wrong climate and so makes wines that are either too vegetal or too insipid and structureless. When in the right terroir, the wine can be layered and full-bodied with wonderful fruit flavors. Our estate produces some of the best Merlot I've ever worked with. That pretty much sums it up. I'll let the wine take it from here.

The 2008 Villa San-Juliette Merlot is like a dark chocolate covered cherry with layers of cedar, tobacco, coffee, and a whiff of dried herbs over the top. Plum and other dark red fruits in the mouth with dense, melting tannins that provide for some serious depth. The acid pops just at the backend and carries the flavors well into the back of the mouth.

—Adam LaZarre, winemaker

APPELLATION	Paso Robles
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	86% Merlot 8% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Tempranillo
COOPERAGE	14 months in new and neutral French oak
ALCOHOL	14.0%
TOTAL ACIDITY	0.59g/100ml
pH	3.67
CASES PRODUCED	3,100



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