



MERLOT

2006 MERLOT – *Dry Creek Valley*

WINE SPECTATOR
May 2010

88 Points - **“Top Value!”**- Lively, with appealing plum and toasty oak aromas and soft, juicy cherry and spice notes.

WINE ENTHUSIAST
March 2010

87 Points - Dry and a little bitter in tannins, with flavors of cherries, cranberries and herbs. It’s elegantly constructed and feels silky and balanced in the mouth. A very nice and versatile food wine that will take a few years of cellaring.

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CALIFORNIA GRAPEVINE
October – November 2008

“Highly Recommended!”- Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, herbal, tarrish, cedary, black cherry fruit aroma with notes of tobacco and green olive; medium–full body; herbal, cedary, black cherry fruit flavors; medium–full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Nicely balanced and drinkable now.

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CONNOISSEURS’ GUIDE
TO CALIFORNIA WINE
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88 Points - **☞ One Puff** - If showing Merlot’s black-cherry bias in terms of its fruit, this well-filled, slightly sturdy wine is laced with Cabernet tannins and is built for mid-term aging. Its youthful toughness noted, it is still fairly rich and fit with plenty of fruit, and three or four years of patience are certain to bring the polish and varietal smoothness that it presently lacks.

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