

◆ 2014 “1331” *Oakville Merlot | Napa Valley*

While Roessler is primarily focused on expressions of Pinot Noir, what would life be without a little variety? And, when we came across a site that produced wine that so thoroughly creates the kind of Merlot we feel is not usually found, we knew we wanted to craft our first Merlot in the long history of the Roessler brothers relationship to wine and grapes in California.

Long thought the finest place for growing Bordeaux grapes, the Oak Knoll Bench in Napa Valley provides ample sunlight, and a craggy, red granite rich soil that's perfect for ripening Merlot. As cold winds blow north off the San Pablo bay, temperatures drop to the high 40's, providing a little “rest” for the grapes so they can shut down and the hang-time for complex flavor development.

AROMA

Sandle wood, ripe, sweet blueberry and tobacco.

PALATE

The 1331 Merlot is lush, with flavors of rich cassis and cedar. There's more sweet berry blended with ripe black cherry and cocoa on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Grilled Steak Salad or BBQ Chicken are natural pairings but the rich mouthfeel and jammy fruit make it a natural with hard cheeses and even a nice wine to pair with amuse bouché...even on its own!



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| WINEMAKER: | DREW HUFFINE |
| VARIETAL: | 100% MERLOT |
| BARRELS: | 25% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH |
| BARREL AGING: | 24 MONTHS |
| FERMENTATION: | ORGANIC YEASTS |
| pH: | 3.75 |
| TOTAL ACIDITY: | 5.89 |
| ALCOHOL CONTENT: | 14.5% |
| CASE PRODUCTION: | 150 |
| SRP: | \$38 |

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