

CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes: 2009 Merlot
 Livermore Valley**

Description: This is the real deal, from the beautiful purple plum and Bing cherry aromas, to the long, intense finish of blueberry and cherry. In the middle you'll find zippy plum tart flavors, raspberry jam, cranberry, walnuts, juicy acidity, hints of dark brown sugar, cinnamon stick and clove, and a hint of chocolate mint. It is deeply satisfying without being in the least bit cloying. That's testimony to well-balanced fruit.

This is a big, well-built wine to handle your favorite grilled tri-tip or coulotte steak.

Varietals: 77% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley
 5% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley
 8% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley
 7% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley
 3% White Cat Vineyard Malbec, Livermore Valley

Vineyard Notes: One Oak Vineyard is located in the Crane Ridge area located in Eastern side of Livermore off Greenville Road across from the Poppy Hill Golf Course. Crane Ridge is in the foothills with rolling hills which is sunny from morning until dusk and has moderate winds in the afternoon. The Merlot thrives from the hot days, cooling evenings, and significantly cooler nights. The trellis is Scott Henry which provides ample shading of the grapes.

Awards: **Best of Class - 2012 SF Chronicle Wine Competition** (Merlot category – \$20.00 – \$24.99)

Cases Produced: 230 Cases

Harvest Date: October 2, 2009
 26 Brix (Merlot)

Barrel Treatment: Barrel aged for 19 months in 50% new oak. The barrels comprised of 50% French Oak and 50% American Oak.

Vital Statistics:

Al: 14.5% Alcohol by Volume

pH: 3.36

TA: .68

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