



ELIZABETH ROSE

2010

MERLOT

Yountville, Napa Valley

WINEMAKER

Kristi Koford

GRAPE VARIETY

77% Merlot

23% Syrah

ALCOHOLIC

CONTENT

13%

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.58%

PH

3.65%

RS

0.02%

AGING

Tank aged for 12 months, European oak staves used in tank for 10 months with controlled micro oxygenation.

VINEYARDS

The Elizabeth Rose Merlot & Syrah comes from a 450-acre vineyard in Yountville, Napa Valley named Block House. Block House is the largest of our vineyards and is planted to several different grape varieties. All 100% Certified Organic. The vineyard is named for pioneer George C. Yount's blockhouse, the first Kentucky style blockhouse west of the Mississippi. In the design of a blockhouse, the top floor juts out over the ground floor so that inhabitants can protect the structure. Blockhouses were often constructed for defense in frontier areas.

TASTING NOTES

Debuting our first vintage of Yountville Merlot this wine displays savory notes of leather and licorice. The subtle oak influence in the aging process enhances the rich dark fruit favors and delicate smokiness. Full bodied with a velvety tannic backbone. Elizabeth Rose Merlot is easy to drink now with the perfect balance of strength and elegance.

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