

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

2005 MERLOT

Wild Oak SONOMA COUNTY

HARVEST September 2005

AGING Fourteen Months

STORAGE American & French Oak

pH 3.53 **TA** 0.71g/100 mls

BOTTLING March 2008

ALCOHOL 14.5% by volume

AGING POTENTIAL 8 to 10 years

CASES PRODUCED 3000 cases

Wild Oak, the site of our Winery in Sonoma Valley, was named to honor Sonoma's Heritage Oak trees. Wild Oak wines by St. Francis are made from grapes that have been hand-picked from small lots of elite terroir bordered by Heritage Oak trees in Sonoma County's most outstanding AVA's. Wild Oak Merlot is a lush, rich, full-bodied wine characterizing classic Bordeaux structure. Small crops of intensely flavored fruit from select blocks of the 36 year old estate Behler Vineyard in Sonoma Valley provides us with rich, fleshy fruit typical of Merlot grown on this cool valley floor vineyard. A second Merlot component is grown high above the fog line along the Mayacamas ridge overlooking Sonoma Valley on our estate Nuns Canyon Vineyard. This Mountain grown Merlot provides the tannins needed to give the wine structure and complexity. Additionally, a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate Lagomarsino Vineyard in the Russian River Valley provides depth of color and berrylike flavors to complement the final blend



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