

2012 MERLOT

Winery Information

Pietra Santa is a family-run estate in the beautiful Cienega Valley just 25 miles from California's Monterey Bay. The proximity to the coast provides cooling, maritime breezes and a long growing season resulting in vibrant and flavorful wines. The estate also benefits from granite and limestone soils and is named Pietra Santa or "Sacred Stone" in honor of the unique terroir. The estate's winemaking history dates back to the 1850s when vines were first planted on the estate. Today, the winery is owned by Cort and Laura Blackburn family. It is their goal to create the best possible wines and continue the tradition of quality winemaking in this special place.

Vineyards/Winemaking

Our Merlot is produced solely from estate vineyards with rocky soils that naturally curb yields and focus the vine's energy on fully developing the flavor and character of the grapes. After fermentation, the wine undergoes extended skin contact prior to aging in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

A quintessential Merlot, this wine boasts concentrated flavors of ripe plums and cherry with a hint of cassis and cedar. The body and structure are balanced allowing this wine to stand up to hearty dishes. For a special evening, try this Merlot with a grilled leg of lamb. Cellar for 5+ years.

Technical Information

Appellation: Cienega Valley

Barrel Aging: 2+years in French and American Oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Acidity: 6.0

pH: 3.72

Cases Produced: 2,041

SRP: \$18

