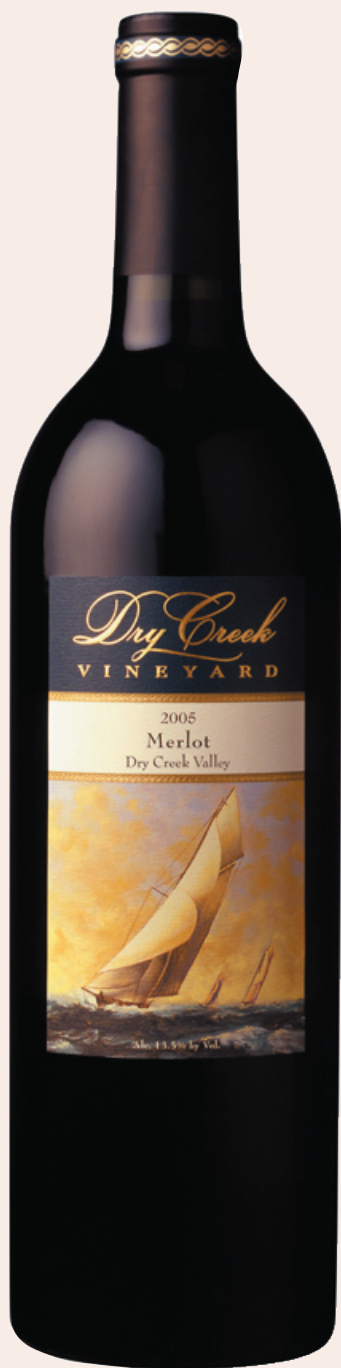


Dry Creek
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2005 Merlot

Dry Creek Valley

NEW RELEASE



Since the 1973 vintage, Merlot has been an important part of the foundation of our winery. Today, it plays a similarly important role. Rich and concentrated with traditional flavors of black cherry and currant, our Merlot consistently surprises all that try this often under appreciated varietal.

2004 Vintage Accolades

◆ **88 POINTS**

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GRAPES:

78% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec

APPELLATION:

Dry Creek Valley

HARVEST:

October 3 - 25, 2005

FERMENTATION:

Fermented 20 days at 83°F

BARREL AGING:

19 months in French and American oak, 49% new oak

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.55

pH: 3.68

RESIDUAL SUGAR: Dry

