

2012 MERLOT, SONOMA VALLEY

A defining, pre-eminent California Merlot for more than 40 years, from sixth-generation family-owned winery



- # Jim Bundschu (fifth-generation vintner) pioneered bottling varietal Merlot in California
- Primarily estate-grown
- Estate fruit mostly grow on southwest-facing slopes of Mayacamas Mountains
- Up to 5 days cold soak; pressed just before dryness and racked to barrels to complete fermentation
- Lees stirred for 3 months
- # 17 months in French oak, 40% new

14.6% ALCOHOL APPELLATION: SONOMA VALLEY SRP \$32













