



Yosemite View 2007 Merlot

Emulating the bold, organic beauty of the world famous Yosemite National Park, our wines are designed to please a wide array of wine drinkers. Skillfully blended from a core of Sierra Foothill's vineyards, Yosemite View can trace its viticulture roots back more than 150 years. The Sierra Foothills AVA is one of the oldest grape growing areas in California. The Yosemite View flavor profile is rich and rustic in a fruit forward style, balanced by a light, well integrated winemaking touch. Seamless and classic in style, the label colorfully depicts the stunning grandeur of our namesake landmark. The Yosemite View wines are flavor destinations to be visited repeatedly.

The fruit for our 2007 Merlot was sourced from the Kelly Vineyard in the Sierra Foothills, which sits on the site of an old French encampment that provided much of the regions produce during California's Gold Rush. Some of the ancient fig trees on the property are over fifty feet tall! Dry farmed, Kelly Vineyard yields robust and rustic Merlot fruit. 2007 was a good vintage with fairly typical summer weather patterns. A heat spike in August caused accelerated, ripening only to be slowed by a cool spell that lasted well into September. Harvest was completed in early October.

Our 2007 Yosemite View Merlot is tightly woven with aromas and flavors of blueberry, plum and cherry fruit wrapped with nuances of black tea, black pepper and nutmeg. An undercurrent of mocha and minerals serves up a softly structured finish.

Stats:

Bottled: July 10th, 2009

cases: 400

alch: 13.2

TA: .514

pH: 3.56

