



2008 MERLOT CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTE

Deep ruby-blue in color, this Merlot has rich aromas of ripe red berry fruit and bing cherry, along with notes of dried herbs. On the palate, flavors of red cherries, cola, cloves and spice dominate, with just a hint of toasty oak.

HISTORY

In 1881 Andrea Sbarboro founded the Asti Winery in northern Sonoma County. Applying time-honored methods and expertise from the old country, Sbarboro and a group of Italian immigrants formed an entire community around which winemaking was its soul. Today, Cellar No. 8 wines honor and reflect the tradition of winemaking at Asti in a series of rich, complex wines from carefully chosen vineyard sites in California.

VINTAGE

The 2008 growing season began drier than usual with normal rainfall in January and February, yet little rain in the spring months. Record heat persisted throughout the summer which helped the grapes achieve good flavor development and ripe tannins. Warm weather continued for much of harvest, allowing for consistent and deliberate ripening, yielding high quality grapes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation

California

Harvest

August 28 – November 5, 2008

Alcohol

13.9%

Acidity

5.48g/L

pH

3.61



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