



2013 OREGON WINERY OF THE YEAR  
TEMPRANILLO | ALBARIÑO | GARNACHA | MALBEC | PORT

## 2009 MERLOT

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Fruit Source: Abacela's Estate Fault Line Vineyards, Umpqua Valley  
Alta Seca Vineyard, Rogue Valley  
Pheasant Hill Vineyard, Rogue Valley

Appellation: Southern Oregon AVA

Varietal Composition: Merlot 87%, Cab. Sauvignon 6%, Malbec 5%, Petit Verdot 2%

Harvest Date: 3, 6, 7, 9, 16, 29 October 2009 At harvest: Sugar; 23.6° brix

At bottling: Sugar; Nil                      pH; 3.50                      TA; 7.31 grams/liter

Cooperage: French (71%), American (29%), 11% new, 26% 2-yr old

Bottling date: 8 July 2011                      Alcohol: 14.0% by volume

Case Production: 708 (750 mL)

### Awards, Ratings & Reviews

*Gold Medal*, 2013 SavorNW Wine Awards

*Outstanding!*, Great Northwest Wine

*Value Pick*, Oregon Wine Press

## TASTING NOTES

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This full bodied, varietally correct wine was assembled from our best barrels of Merlot sourced from three vineyards in southern Oregon including our estate Fault Line Vineyards in the Umpqua. This brooding wine has purple fruit aromas like ripe plum, black currant, and raspberry that revolve around flavors of milk chocolate, cherry, dried herbs, and oak spice. This wine will continue to improve over the next five years. Pair with a grilled thick cut T-bone steak with roasted baby potatoes.