



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

## 2011 MERLOT

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Fruit Source: Abacela's Estate Fault Line Vineyards

Appellation: Umpqua Valley, Southern Oregon AVA

Varietal Composition: Merlot 75.2%, Malbec 20.3%, Cabernet Sauvignon 2.7%,  
Petit Verdot 1.8%

Harvest Date: 12, 24-25, 27 October 2011      At harvest: Sugar; 23.8° brix

At bottling: Sugar; nil                      pH; 3.54                      TA; 6.37 grams/liter

Cooperage: French (60%), American (40%), 15% new, 45% 2-yr old

Bottling date: 6 June 2013                      Alcohol: 13.7% by volume

Case Production: 476 (750 mL)                      S R P: \$23.00 (750 mL)

Awards, Ratings, Reviews:  
*Silver Medal, 2014 Oregon Wine Awards*

## TASTING NOTES

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This medium bodied wine was assembled from our best barrels of Merlot. For the 2011 vintage we utilized 76% Merlot and blended in 24% Malbec to enhance the fruit and mid-palate. There are aromas of ripe plum, black currant, raisins and dried herbs that revolve around flavors of cherry, truffle, sweet oak spice and cocoa powder. This wine will improve over the next five years. Pair with a non-traditional dish like roasted guineafowl with beets and polenta.