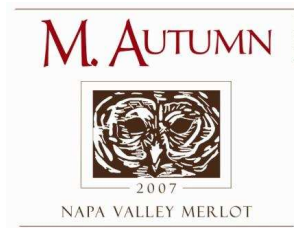


# M. Autumn

## 2007 Napa Valley Merlot



WINERY:	M. Autumn Wines is a husband-and-wife collaboration between Ryan and Molly Hodgins dedicated to sustainably crafting exquisite wines from vineyards in California and Oregon. Ryan and Molly both have Master's degrees in Viticulture and love the challenges of working with multiple varieties in multiple sites.
DESCRIPTION:	This inaugural Merlot comes from Mary Elke's vineyard in the Coombsville area of Napa Valley - one of the coolest regions in the Napa Valley. Sourcing the fruit from a cooler site aims to achieve the elegance and precision of Old World Merlot while maintaining the ripeness of fruit that is Napa. Rich aromas of black cherry, pomegranate, and licorice capture the ripeness. While in the mouth, the bright acid, delicate tannins a long finish exemplify the elegance of all M. Autumn wines.
HARVEST:	The fruit is picked when ripe and treated gently -coaxing the fruit along to realize its potential. The clusters are carefully sorted .so only the best tasting berries go into the fermenter. Occasionally some stems are included in the fermenter.
FERMENTATION:	The fruit undergoes a cold soak for five to seven days before primary fermentation begins. Once in the fermenter, the fruit undergoes a cold soak for five to seven days before the primary fermentation begins. During fermentation, the cap is punched down once or twice a day. As the primary begins to slow, the fermenters are sealed and allowed to undergo an extended maceration for one to two weeks. The total time in skins varies between 20 to 35 days. After pressing, the wine settles one to three days before going down to barrel.
AGING:	After pressing, the wine settles for one to three days before going down to barrel. A mix of French cooperages including Claude Gillet, François Frères, Cadus, Sirugue, and Dam are used. Depending on the wine the percentage of new oak ranges from 25-60%. The Merlot stays in barrel 22 months with two to four rackings.
BOTTLED:	Early June, 2009
PRODUCTION:	5 barrels

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