

Seabiscuit Ranch 2005 Merlot



VINEYARDS

The Legendary thoroughbred Seabiscuit was retired to a ranch in Mendocino County's Redwood Valley, where his memory inspires the winemaking endeavors there. Seabiscuit Ranch vineyards are located on a southern portion of the original Ridgewood Ranch. Located just 20 miles from the Mendocino coastline, these small, award-winning vineyards are perched at an altitude of 1,000 feet on steep slopes of the Pacific Coastal Mountain range. The vines are nurtured and harvested entirely by hand according to sustainable growing practices.

DESCRIPTION:

Seabiscuit Ranch Merlot is a limited-release version of a true "reserve" quality wine. Lovely full bodied red fruit flavors predominate, with good acidity balance and a soft mouth-filling silky finish. The wine is styled to accompany foods. Serve with grilled meats or poultry. Merlot also is a great complement for rich tomato-based pasta sauces.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested by hand, crushed into a stainless steel tank and fermented dry. After pressing, the wine was transferred into small oak barrels for extended aging to develop full flavors and soften the natural tannins.

PRODUCTION:

503 cases - 750 ml

BLEND:

84 percent Merlot, 16 percent Alexander valley Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST:

October 11, 2005 at 24.9 degrees Brix.

AGING:

19 months in small American and French oak barrels

ANALYSIS:

14.2% alcohol by volume

BOTTLED:

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