

CANYON WIND

2009 MERLOT GRAND VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Merlot was one of the first varieties planted in our vineyard in 1991. The majority of the vines are planted in a sandy soil (like most of the vineyard) with a cobble bar at a depth of ten feet. The remaining vines, approximately 20%, were planted in a section of the vineyard with an uplift in the cobbles to sub-surface levels. This location is much harder on the plants due to the extraordinarily fast drainage and results in two distinct Merlots from the same clone in the same age planting. This wine was created in our traditionally inspired low-intervention winemaking style. Post-fermentation, the wine was placed into a 14-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

2009 was the coldest year in our vineyard's nearly twenty-year history. The extended time needed to bring the fruit to ripeness created a Merlot with aromas of black cherry, cream soda, almonds and cola with hints of clove and tobacco. On the palate, this wine is bright and light, while still offering youthful structure and great balance.

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Merlot



Grand Valley, Colorado

WINE PROFILE

VARIETAL BLEND:

100% MERLOT

VINTAGE:

2009

APPELLATION:

GRAND VALLEY AVA

TERROIR:

100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL:

13.8%

WINE ACIDITY:

5.7 g/L

WINE pH:

3.69

HARVEST DATE:

OCTOBER 5, 2009

BOTTLING DATE:

JANUARY 17, 2011

CASES PRODUCED:

287