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### 2005 MERLOT Santa Ynez Valley

#### **Tasting Notes**

Black cherries and some oak notes, along with a bit of dried herbs on the nose. Dark fruit and varietal merlot flavors (dried herbs, earth), with substantial but smooth tannins and a long, clean finish. Drink now and the next 5 – 7 years (Released November 2008).

#### **Winemaking**

100% crushed and destemmed into 1-ton open top fermentors, punched down by hand 2-3 times per day. Pressed at dryness, settled, then racked to barrel. The yeasts used were commercial strains including BM-45 (Brunello) and D-254 (Rhône).

#### **Varietal Composition**

Merlot 100%

#### **Vineyard**

100% Westerly Vineyards

#### **Brix at Harvest**

24.8

#### **Aging Method**

30% new French oak, barrel aged for 20 months

#### **Final Analysis**

pH 3.63  
TA 6.33 g/L  
Alc. 14.6%

#### **Cases Produced**

800

