

Waterstone Merlot Napa Valley

Waterstone Winery

United States - California - Napa Valley

Vintage: A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity. Early ripening varieties came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately. Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development. Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.

Tasting Notes: Sweet cherry, ripe plum, hints of vanilla and overtones of anise and aged leather appear in the aroma. On the palate, this generous wine features cherry, plum and blackberry fruit with supple tannins and a lingering finish.



Specifications

Appellation	Napa Valley
Varietals	100% Merlot
Vinification	Vineyards were hand-picked at the peak of maturity. Following harvest, the grapes were gently crushed and fermented. The wines were then aged in small French oak barrels with extended lees contact for 18 months. Only 15% new barrels were used to maintain maximum fruit flavors with just a hint of toasty oak.
Production	970 cases (9-liter cases)

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	8 31822 00112 4
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 08 31822 00112 1
Case Weight	38
Cases/Pallet	56
Layers/Pallet	14
SRP	\$ 23.99 USD 750mL Bottle

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