

Casa Carneros Vineyards

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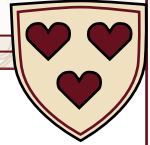


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1998 CASA CARNEROS MERLOT



FROM THE HEART OF CARNEROS™



BLEND:

100% Merlot grown exclusively in the Las Lomas Vineyard,
Napa, Carneros

FRUIT AT HARVEST:

Picking Dates: October 16th, 1998
Brix (average): 24.0
T.A.: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.26

FINISHED WINE:

Alcohol: 14.2%
T.A. 7.1 g/L
pH: 3.25
Residual Sugar: Dry

TEMPERATURE OF FERMENTATION:

80° - 90° F

BOTTLING DATE:

May 16, 2001

BARREL AGING:

30 months in 60 gallon French oak barrels.

DESCRIPTION:

The 1998 Merlot from the Las Lomas Vineyard is the fifth year Casa Carneros has made wine from this hillside vineyard. On the edge of the hills of the northern Carneros region, Merlot ripens late and has enough hang time to develop full fruit flavor.

Raspberries and dark fruits show in the nose along with a lovely hint of exotic spice. A touch of French oak vanilla supports the luscious flavors that linger on the palette.

The hillside tannins of this structured wine have been softened by longer oak aging, giving this wine a soft, easy drinking character. Serve with grilled lamb or meats, barbecued chicken or a hearty pasta dish. Enjoy!

