



Lodi Merlot

Our 2006 Merlot was the triumphant return to Lodi since 2002. Our 2007 Merlot has gone above and beyond all expectations. This wine showcases the Mencarini Brothers constant strive for quality improvement. Our 2007 follows the 2006 Merlot with much of the same fruit profile, but what a difference in tannin and structure! The hot dry summer and cool fall evenings make Lodi an ideal location for this multifaceted Merlot to reach full potential.

Don't let the garnet color of this wine fool you, this Merlot boasts bright flavors of cherry sorbet with just the right amount of spice. Opening up with a rich plum and black-berry nose, you are left with a hint of oak and leather. A round rich bodied wine that starts with bright fruit of plum laced with oak and a long fruity finish. A rich wine with soft tannins.

Our 2007 Merlot is a versatile wine with sufficient structure to enhance rich pasta dishes, big red meats and tangy cheeses.



Vintage:	2007
Vineyard Source:	Mencarini Vineyards Lodi
Varietal Mix:	85% Merlot 15% Zinfandel
Harvest Date:	September 14, 2007
Brix at Harvest:	23.7
Barrel Regime:	French & American 17 Months
RS:	0.31 g/L
Alcohol:	13.7%
Acid:	0.57 g/100 mL
pH @ Bottling:	3.52
Bottling Date:	April 7, 2009

"MERLOT"



Merlot grapes have been grown throughout California's most popular winegrape regions for decades, though there are only a few places that pair perfect sandy loam soil with the excellent balance of afternoon sunlight and cool evening breezes that are essential for nurturing a great Merlot crop. The western side of the Lodi winegrape region is known for hot summer days, but also being the first inland area to catch the cool breezes coming in through the Carquinez Straits of the San Joaquin Delta. This combination has provided us with a balanced, flavorful and full bodied Merlot that remains true to its varietal, offering just the right amount of earthiness added to the fruitful flavors you have come to expect from Abundance Vineyards.

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