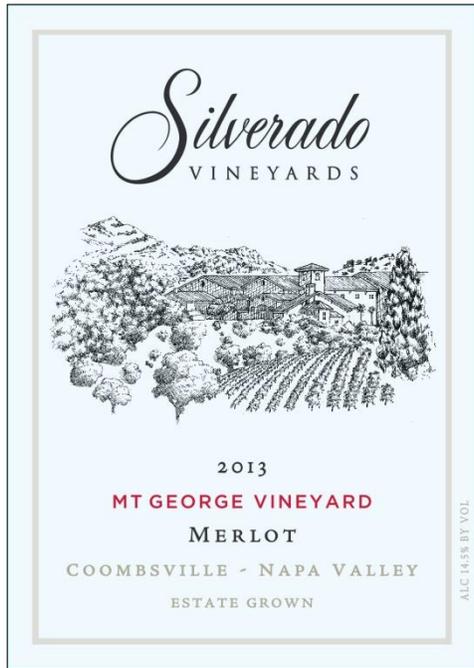


2013 MT. GEORGE MERLOT



In 1981, Ron and Diane Miller established Silverado Vineyards to begin making wines from the historic sites that comprised their estate. Their ranches were first planted to vineyards by Napa pioneers between 1865 and 1895. Each played an important role in establishing the reputation of their appellations: Carneros, Coombsville, Yountville, Soda Creek Canyon and Stags Leap District. The beautiful fruit from these vineyards is the exclusive source of Silverado Vineyards' Estate and Single Vineyards wines -- the Miller family's best expression of the Napa Valley they love and admire.

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VINEYARDS

MT. GEORGE VINEYARD (100%)

Located east of Napa, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. The deep, gravelly soils are derived from volcanic rock and ash, providing depth and structure to Silverado's wines.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

95% Merlot
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

Textbook conditions saw near-ideal bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rain held off until grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality with a smooth balance of acids and sugars.

HARVEST DATES: September 12 & 13, 2013

WINEMAKING NOTES

The wine was drained and pressed off the skins after 16 days. Completing malolactic fermentation in the barrel, the wine was then racked and placed back in the barrel to age for 17 months. Oak profile during aging, 100% French oak. 46% of the oak was new French.

BOTTLED:	July, 2015
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
T.A.	5.23 g/L
PH:	3.58
CASE PACK:	12 / 750ml

TASTING NOTES

Our Merlot vines are rooted in the foothills of an ancient volcano, Mt. George. These rocky slopes are in a climate sweet spot: close enough to the cool San Pablo Bay to give the wine aromas of rosemary and mint, warm enough to bring out flavors of blackberry and spice. We finish the wine in oak to add a hint of cocoa and a velvety texture.