

# TERRA BLANCA

WINERY & ESTATE VINEYARD

## 2009 Signature Series Merlot

100% MERLOT

“Concentrated black cherry with hints of clove entwine on the inviting nose followed by velvety layers of black cherry, plum and other black fruits. Dusty layers of soft tannins, dried cherries, black fruits, nuances of clove and hints of chocolate melt together on the long balanced finish. The 2009 Terra Blanca Merlot shows the power and depth of Red Mountain into a package of style and grace.”

*- Keith Pilgrim*

Keith Pilgrim,  
Owner/Winemaker



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## VINEYARD

Red Mountain Estate Vineyard  
Salmon Safe Certified

## GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2009 growing season was a typical year on Red Mountain, where a cooler slightly delayed spring led to a relatively warm dry summer and typical autumn. The string of very consistent vintages with much in common continues, with 2005 to 2009 riding the wave continually very good growing conditions. Wines from 2009 are most similar to 2007 with slightly warmer temperatures than 2008 and a slightly longer growing season than 2008. With the older blocks of the vineyard now in their 17th growing season, the depth and complexity of the wines continues to improve, and the resulting wines show considerably more power than vintages 2006 and earlier.

## HARVEST

Average Sugar - 25.1° Brix | Average Titratable Acidity - 0.490g/100ml | Average pH - 3.71

Dual trunk unilateral cordon vertical shoot position trellis. Harvested from September 30th through October 4th, 2009 at less than 2.6 tons per acre.

## WINEMAKING

Fermentation in closed tanks with a variety of yeast types and some multiple yeast fermentation help to create a wine with huge dark fruit flavors and fine well integrated tannins. Aged for up to 28 months in French oak barrels, 82% new.

## BOTTLE

Titrateable Acidity - 0.585g/100ml | pH - 3.73 | Alcohol - 13.5% by volume | Production - 601 cases

*White Earth. Blue Skies. Red Mountain.*