



2008 ARCH TERRACE MERLOT

97% Merlot 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

“Aromas of red fruits, cedar, rose petals, sandalwood, savory herbs, tea leaves and spice rise out of the glass leading to core flavors black cherry on the palate layered with nuances of red and black currant, plum, boysenberry, clove and dried cherries. The bright acid and finely integrated tannin structure provide the framework for the wine. On the extended finish, dusty layers of dried cherries, clove and cedar intertwine with hints of dark chocolate. ”

- Keith Pilgrim

*Keith Pilgrim,
Owner/Winemaker*



VINEYARD

Terra Blanca Estate Vineyard, Red Mountain
--Salmon Safe Certified--

GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2008 growing season was a typical year on Red Mountain, where a long warm spring led to a relatively warm dry summer and typical autumn. Sixteen year old vines with dual trunks and bilateral cordons trained on a vertical shoot positioned trellis were cropped at a low 3.1 tons per acre.

HARVEST

Sugar - 24.6° Brix / Titratable Acidity - 0.630g/100ml / pH - 3.57

WINEMAKING

Fermentation in closed tanks with a variety of yeast types and some multiple yeast fermentation help to create wines with huge fruit flavors and fine well integrated tannins. Aged for up to 30 months in French oak barrels, 34% new. Blending with a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon adds complexity and a longer finish. Wines were bottle aged for over 12 months prior to release.

BOTTLE

pH - 3.73 / Titratable Acidity - 0.578g/100ml / Alcohol - 13.5% by volume / Production - 2930 cases

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