



Dante 2009 Merlot

100% California

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Aged 10 months in French Oak and American Oak

This wine displays dark plum color with rich and concentrated blueberry, plum, and cassis aromas. The aromatics range from concentrated fruit and sappy vanilla to floral lavender notes. The palate is very rich with cherry vanilla and juicy pomegranate nestled onto a platform of gentle French Oak with toasted vanilla. The wine finishes with the same blue fruit as the entry aroma; but the blueberry takes on a wild bramble texture, more like huckleberries over a cassis pie.

This wine pairs well with anything hearty or savory and needing some fruit to balance the flavors. Things like salty, cured meats or grilled pork chops glazed in a pomegranate sauce. This is a really nice stand alone red and a fantastic everyday Merlot. This wine is from the Lodi and River Junction appellations and should age well for 5-7 years. Drink now through 2013.