



2009 Marianna

The 2009 Marianna Napa Valley is our winery's ninth release of this Bordeaux style red wine. It is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc.

This elegant classically blended Bordeaux style wine is beautifully deep colored medium plum with brick red edges. The very ripe aromas jump out of the glass with refined ripe raspberry and cassis extract. The entry on the palate is supple with a black cherry and strawberry coulis flavor that folds into a matrix of generous French oak, rich in vanilla and cocoa. The texture is supple with rich, ripe cherry vanilla deftly framed onto medium resolved tannins and expresses the core balance that only true Claret can bring due to the use of all five Bordeaux varietals. The ripe base is all Cabernet Sauvignon, a silky mid palate from Merlot, a light handed dusting of spice from Cabernet Franc with structure and deep color from Petit Verdot, with refined top note fruit flavors from Malbec.

This is a very serious wine that should be enjoyed on special occasions and will do well with rich foods such as seared Filet Mignon in a demi-glaze sauce, roasted fingerling potatoes tossed in truffles and sea salt and steamed blue lake beans. Drink it now through 2030.