



# ROTH

## WINEMAKER'S NOTE

### 2009 ALEXANDER VALLEY MERLOT

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TOASTY MOCHA AROMAS COMPLEMENTED BY DARK FRUIT — THIS IS A CABERNET SAUVIGNON LOVER'S MERLOT. THE 2008 VINTAGE IS BEAUTIFULLY STRUCTURED WITH LAYERS OF RICH TANNINS, BLUEBERRY AND BLACK CHERRY FLAVORS, AND A LONG, LUSH FINISH WITH HINTS OF VANILLA AND ESPRESSO BEANS.

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## WINERY BACKGROUND

Roth Estate is a family-owned winery dedicated to crafting full-flavored wines grown in exemplary Sonoma County vineyards. Beginning in 2001, Roth committed to producing classic Bordeaux varietals in Alexander Valley. A decade later the winery expanded its winemaking to include cool-climate varietals from the Sonoma Coast.

## 2009 VINTAGE

With a dry winter and warm spring the vines awakened early. Fortunately in late March the vineyards were replenished by spring rains, which supported vigorous growth prior to bloom. An even set led to a balanced crop, and mild summer conditions with a warm August encouraged ripening and flavor development. Despite early October rains, the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition, bursting with varietal character.

## COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

*89% Merlot*

*8% Petite Sirah*

*3% Cabernet Sauvignon*

*Aged 18 months sur lie in 100% French oak*

*Titrateable Acidity 0.58g/100mL*

*pH 3.77*

*Alcohol by Volume 14.6%*

*3,480 cases (140 barrels) produced*

