



# MERITAGE, RESERVE



VINTAGE 2004  
APPELLATION Paso Robles  
VARIETAL Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Petite Verdot, Petite Sirah  
HARVEST DATE 8/10/04 - 9/10/04  
BRIX AT HARVEST 26.41  
ALCOHOL 15%  
UPC CODE 7 28691 49887 5

## VINEYARD PROFILE

The 2004 Paso Robles Meritage Estate Grown Red Wine is produced from grapes grown on our Live Oak Road vineyard located in the hills on the north side of Highway 46 West. This vineyard is one of the highest in Paso Robles, located at 1,600 feet elevation. In addition, this vineyard has large amounts of limestone in the soil with an average soil pH of approximately 8. The vineyards' south facing position allows all the grape varieties in this wine to ripen at the same time. This allows us the rare opportunity to pick, crush and ferment all the fruit in the same tank for additional flavor and consistency.

## TASTING NOTES

Enjoy rich flavors of blackcurrant, cedar and dark chocolate. This wine will age as well as your cellar conditions allow.

Visit the "Awards and Reviews" page on our website for a complete list of awards on our wines.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Meritage is made from a blend of premium red wine grapes including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot and Petite Sirah. The word Meritage was derived by combining the words *merit* and *heritage* and should only grace the labels of very special blends. For optimum grape quality we planted the vines three feet by six feet and maintain low picking yields of fewer than two tons per acre. This wine was barrel aged in American, French and Hungarian oak for approximately 23 months. Meritage is 100% natural fruit with no added acid and no fining or filtration.

## AWARDS

Silver Medal, April 2008  
*Pacific Rim International Wine Competition*  
Bronze Medal, January 2008  
*San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*  
Bronze Medal, July 2007  
*Long Beach Grand Cru Wine Competition*  
Double Gold Medal, June 2007  
*San Francisco Internat'l Wine Competition*  
Bronze Medal (87 Points), June 2007  
*California State Fair 2007 Commercial Wine Competition*  
Bronze Medal, May 2007  
*California Central Coast Wine Competition*

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