



# BLACKSTONE

WINEMAKER'S SELECT

## 2007 MERLOT

CALIFORNIA

At Blackstone Winery, we believe in creating approachable and enjoyable wines from premium vineyards throughout California. Our 2007 Winemaker's Select Merlot is a fruit-forward, expressive wine with vivid and accessible flavors. Carefully selecting vineyards that showcase the nuances of the Merlot grape variety help achieve our goal of crafting a distinctive California red wine.

In 2007 the weather was very dry. The vineyards saw a minimal amount of rain, and temperatures remained cool throughout the winter and spring. The mild winter and spring delayed bud break and extended the harvest overall, enabling the fruit to develop slowly. Yields were significantly smaller than past vintages, but the quality of the fruit was excellent.

Our 2007 Blackstone Winemaker's Select Merlot displays toasted oak and brown sugar aromas followed by bright raspberry and plush black cherry flavors. Round and expressive, this complex but accessible wine pairs perfectly with beef tenderloin, wild mushroom stew, or planked salmon.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

#### Varietals:

86% Merlot

10% Syrah

3% Cabernet Sauvignon

1% Zinfandel

Total Acidity: 6.0g/l

pH: 3.54

Alcohol: 13.5%

#### Appellation Composition:

65% Monterey County

10% Mendocino County

14% Madera County

7% Sonoma County

4% Paso Robles

