



2009 Merlot

Varietal	100% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	15.5%
Release Date	September 2011
Case Production	75 cases

If our 2009 Merlot morphed into a guitar, it would be a flamed maple sunburst '59 Gibson Les Paul Standard. You don't even need to plug it in, just smelling it in the glass and playing acoustic mode; the tone is resonant and rich with sappy black plum and seductive cedar, cocoa and clove spices. Patch it through a Fender Twin amp for a fatter sound that is velvety and voluptuous with notes of vanilla. Strum a 5th fret A-minor and taste the melted cherry chocolate truffle. Bend a G on the 15th for searing, super-fine tannins that cut through the core providing perfect pitch and serious sustain. We know, it's only (rockin') Merlot but we like it, like it yes we do!