

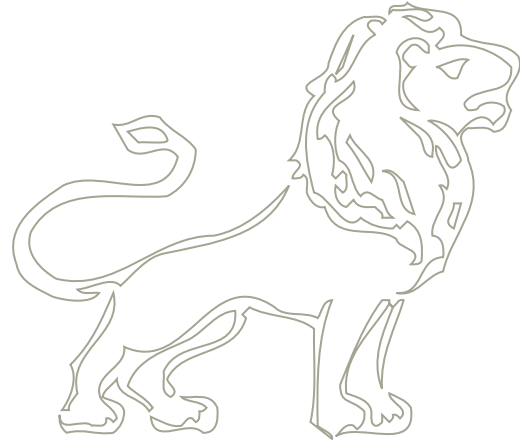
WHITEHALL LANE

WINERY & VINEYARDS



2013 NAPA VALLEY

MERLOT



2013

Blend: 80% Merlot
12% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Syrah

Vintage: 2013 is considered one of the finest growing seasons ever in Napa Valley. We could not have asked for better with outstanding spring weather followed by an ideal summer and a harvest with grapes displaying a wonderful balance between ripeness and structure. All of the Merlot grapes were harvested in the first two weeks of October.

Wine: The grapes were grown in the winery's Estate Vineyard in Rutherford and select vineyards throughout Napa Valley. The fruit was fermented at an average of 85°F with gentle pump-overs for excellent flavor and color extraction. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 16 months. Whitehall Lane has always utilized the art of blending to make a Merlot with layers of flavors, complexity and balance.

Notes: This velvety, lush, mouth-filling Merlot has aromas and flavors of blackberries and plum that are expertly balanced by oak nuances and a hint of mocha. The Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend adds beautiful structure and the Syrah adds mid-palate texture and nice spice to the wine.