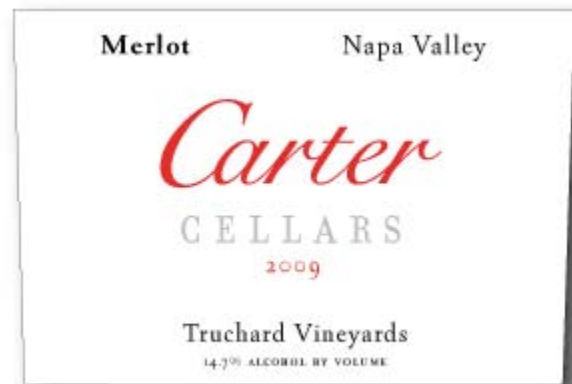


Truchard Vineyard  
Merlot

Vintage:	2009
Varietals:	Merlot
AVA:	Los Carneros
Alcohol:	14.7%
Harvest:	October 28, 2009
Brix at Harvest:	28.9°
Average pH:	3.85
Titrateable Acidity:	6.4 g/L
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel Tank
Cooperage:	Taransaud & Darnajou
Ageing:	18 Months New French Oak
Bottled:	August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Production:	25 Cases



Heralding from the famous Truchard vineyard in Carneros (Napa side), this old vine head trained Merlot reaches levels of concentration not normally found from this region. A supple ruby core gives way to a developed rim. This Merlot pronounces itself with flamboyant aromas of blueberry, blackcurrant and vanilla. Its presence on the palate awakes the jaded taste buds as crisp tannins surround a luxurious fruit core. True to its varietal, there is not any astringency to be found on the finish which travels effortlessly over the palate carrying chocolate covered cherry notes and a slight white pepper component into a mile long finish.