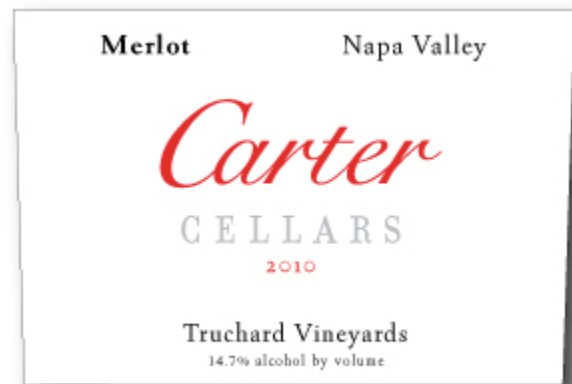


**Truchard Vineyard  
Merlot**

<b>Vintage:</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Varietals:</b>	<b>Merlot</b>
<b>AVA:</b>	<b>Los Carneros</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
<b>Harvest:</b>	<b>October 26, 2010</b>
<b>Brix at Harvest:</b>	<b>24.7°</b>
<b>Average pH:</b>	<b>3.48</b>
<b>Titrateable Acidity:</b>	<b>6.7 g/L</b>
<b>Fermentation:</b>	<b>Stainless Steel Tank</b>
<b>Cooperage:</b>	<b>Taransaud &amp; Darnajou</b>
<b>Ageing:</b>	<b>18 Months New French Oak</b>
<b>Bottled:</b>	<b>May 31<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>
<b>Production:</b>	<b>71 Cases</b>



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.