



2011 Arcturos Merlot

Although Merlot has taken a back seat to Pinot Noir lately, it has not lost its pedigree when planted on an appropriate site and allowed to blossom in the cellars.

Vintage Overview

2011 was a strong vintage producing high quality wines. The warm and extended growing degree days allowed for more maturation of the red grapes including Merlot.

Flavor & Aroma

A deceptively dry wine, with blackberry and plum flavors complimented by hints of oak and dark cocoa. The velvety texture and mild tannins leave a soft but lasting impression on the palate.

Aging Potential

Drink now or within the next five to ten years.

Thoughts for Food

As a red wine Merlot is generally very food friendly pairing well with lamb, beef, pork, and a variety of cheeses such as Edam, Gouda, and Aged Cheddar. Favorite food pairings include, Rosemary and Herb Crusted Lamb Chops, Tandoori Beef Skewers, and Cherry Glazed Pork Loin.

Bottling: 243 cases

Blend: 100% Merlot

Harvest: 10/21/11

Bottled: 12/28/12

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: 0%