



2006 Merlot Russian River Valley

The Vineyards:

Cecil De Loach has been farming the Russian River Valley for over 30 years and was among a small group of vintners that helped define this region as one of America's premier growing regions. This 2006 Merlot was made from 17-year-old vines grown at Cecil's Los Amigos Ranch, a vineyard set in the Chalk Hill district of the Russian River Valley.

The Winemaking:

This Merlot was fermented in small, open-top fermentors, and punched down by hand 2 to 3 times per day. It was then aged for 12 months in both European and American Oak barrels.

The Wine:

Attractive aromas of vanilla, cinnamon and cherry lead to smooth flavors of blackberry and cherry framed by a subtle maple nuance. The elegant finish shows mild tannins and balanced acidity, which makes it an excellent candidate for cellar aging.

Technical Information:

Harvested: September 25 & 26, 2009

Alcohol %: 14.5 **pH:** 3.64 **Total Acidity:** .63 **Case Production:** 450

Release Date: Spring 2009

Suggested Retail Price: \$24

Winemaker: Jason De Loach

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