

2015 Lodi City Winery Merlot - Lodi

Lodi City Winery Merlot is a traditional wine that is dedicated to seven generations of a family's commitment to California's fertile agricultural backbone. The vineyards that produced the fruit for this wine benefit from the deep and rich soils that make-up the Lodi Appellation. The fruit matures in warm sunny days and cool nights as a result of gentle breezes coming from the San Francisco Bay and the Delta waterways. The fruit is cultivated to have a balance between fruit character and structure. The fruit was harvested at the peak of flavor and crushed and fermented in stainless steel vessels. The wine was then aged in experienced barrels and allowed to age for twelve months. The blend was then created and prepared for bottling.

Technical Notes:

- **Alcohol: 13.4%**
- **Harvest Dates: Sept. 15th to Sept. 29th**
- **Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L**
- **pH: 3.51**
- **Residual Sugar: 5.1 g/L**

Composition:

- **78% Merlot**
- **14% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **8% Alicante Bouschet**

This bright red wine has aromas that bring thoughts of fresh Bing cherry, raspberry, and strawberry with slight notes of vanilla and leather. It is a medium bodied wine, with nice layers of berry fruit, soft approachable tannins, and earthy structure with a good finish from balanced acidity. This wine could easily pair with Memphis barbeque ribs in a whiskey barbeque sauce, Grilled bone in pork chops with a cherry reduction sauce, or even simple grilled Montreal skirt steak and French fries with a Belgian mayonnaise.

