



2004 Cliff Creek Cellars Claret

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Cabernet Franc and 15% Merlot

Notes for the Wine List

This is appealing for its core of vivid blackberry and boysenberry flavors, flashing fresh anise and sage hints as the finish keeps zinging against fine tannins and lively acidity. Drink now through 2013—*HS*

Winemaker: Joe Dobbles

Awards

89 Wine Spectator

2008 Best of Show World of Wines

2008 Gold- Oregon Seafood and Wine

2009 Gold – Greatest of the Grape

About us: Cliff Creek Cellars and Sams Valley Vineyard are located in the Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon. We planted our first vines in 1999 and now have approximately 70 acres in vineyard. Our vineyard lies with a southwestern exposure at 1400 ft. elevation. One of the unique attributes of our soil is a strain of Crater Lake volcanic ash running through the entire vineyard. Soil is the heart of the vineyard and we think this adds to the unique quality of our wines.

Wine Statistics

Vineyard Source: Sams Valley
Vineyard, Gold Hill, Oregon

Harvest Dates: Merlot – Sept 13
Cab Sav – Sept 27
Cab Franc – Oct 1

Brix at Harvest: Merlot - 25
Cab Sav -25
Cab Franc – 25.5

Barrel Aging:

50% French Oak, 50% American Oak

Varietals are barreled separately in 1/3 new, 1/3 1-3 year and 1/3 neutral barrels. The wines is blended 6 months prior to bottling and then barreled as a blend.

Bottle Date: April 20, 2006

Case Production: 1350

Alcohol Level – 14.1 % per volume