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## 2007 Cliff Creek Cellars Merlot

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### **Notes for the Wine List**

Not your average Merlot, this wine presents initial aromas of black fruit and cassis with a touch of earthy spiciness. The flavors of blackberry, plums and blueberry are balanced by notes of coffee and white pepper. Harmonious acidity and tannin give this Merlot structure and interest.

**Winemaker:** Joe Dobbles

### **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: October 13, 2007

Brix at Harvest: 24

PH at Harvest: 3.5

Barrel Aging: 85% French Oak, 15% American Oak

Bottle Date: July 24, 2008

Case Production: 150

Alcohol Level – 14.4% per volume