

# 2011 Cliff Creek Cellars

## Merlot

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### **Tasting Notes:**

Our single varietal Merlot is complete with structure, balance and a mouthful of fruit. Intense flavors of black fruits, along with herbal and coffee notes, lend to its complexity. This wine keeps Merlot lovers smiling while changing the minds of those who have previously snubbed the grape. Our Merlot is just what this noble varietal should be - royalty in a bottle!

### **About us:**

Cliff Creek Cellars and Sam's 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**

Estate Grown at Sam's Valley Vineyard, Gold Hill, Oregon

Harvest Date: November 3, 2011

Brix at Harvest: 24

PH at Harvest: 3.3

Barrel Aging: 18 months in Oak  
95% French, 5% American

Bottle Date: June 11, 2013

Case Production: 444

Alcohol Level – 14.5% per volume