



## FROG'S LEAP

### 1993 MERLOT

*Napa Valley*

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#### **THE BLEND**

79% Merlot  
12% Cabernet sauvignon  
9% Cabernet franc

#### **STATISTICS**

Organically Grown  
13.5% alcohol  
5.9 g/L total acidity  
3.57 pH

#### **WINEMAKING**

natural yeast  
natural malolactic  
French Oak 18 months  
unfined  
unfiltered

#### **WINEMAKERS**

John Williams

#### **ABOUT THE WINE**

If making Merlot for the last four years has taught us anything, it's that Merlot is distinctly different from Cabernet. We've learned how to enhance the structure that comes from Merlot's fruit tannin—which is so very unlike the heady, barrel-enriched phenolics of a good Cab. While the character of both varietals is fruit-filled, the Merlot is brimming with the rich, ripe red fruit of cherries and plums, whereas Cabernet emanates cassis and blackberry. There's a soft, seductive middle texture revealed in the Merlot that contrasts with Cabernet's more angular and distinct lines. Merlot and Cabernet: cousins, maybe...individuals for sure.

The 1993 Frogs' Leap Merlot is indeed a classic of its type and a credit to what most feel is a very fine Merlot vintage. Once again we've blended fruit with the power and structure that can only come from the cool vineyards of Carneros. With the marvelously soft and supple Yountville pickings, a splash of zesty Cabernet sauvignon and a dash of Cabernet franc, you've got it! Frogs' Leap Merlot: supple, rich red wine with bright, distinctive fruit and plenty of structure.