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2014 California Merlot



About the grape:

Merlot is the most widely planted grapes in the entire *Bordeaux* region of France. Because of its soft tannins and luscious fruit, Merlot is a delicious wine that's food-friendly or can be savored by itself.

Technical Information:

Blend: 92% Merlot, 8% Malbec
Alc: 13.5%
TA: 5.2 grams/liter
pH: 3.56
RS: 0.320
Aging: Three months, New French Oak
Appellation: California

Merlot is one of the classic varietals with its roots in France that's taken to US soil. It's complex, fresh fruit flavors and smooth finish still make it a favorite for many red wine drinkers.

Straight-forward in style, the **Leaping Horse 2014 Merlot** has violet and dark fruit aromas with pleasant plum, black cherry and a little green olive character creeping into the flavor. Mouth filling yet smooth, Leaping Horse has created an unpretentious wine that can pair with just about anything.

Chef Recommendations:

Merlot is a very versatile red that works well with many types of meats. Try ours with roast turkey or chicken, grilled blackened salmon, meat sauced pasta dishes, pork, grilled vegetables or a steak salad.