

THE BRANDER VINEYARD



Brander 2015 Merlot, Los Olivos District

Sourced once again from the beautifully-positioned, well-drained Mesa Verde Vineyard (situated on the banks of the Santa Ynez River, just four miles due south of Brander as the crow flies), our 2015 Merlot sets a benchmark for this classic- and very classy- grape. The color of ripe Catalina plums in the glass, this opens with aromas of sun-warmed wild blackberries, and violets. On the palate this wine exhibits black cherry, carob, and Ceylon cinnamon.

Pair this absorbing and rewarding wine with crispy shredded beef tacos with avocado and cilantro, or a homemade pizza topped with apple slices, gorgonzola, and rosemary.



Technical Information:

Cases Produced: 292

Composition: 100% Merlot

Vineyard Sources: 100% Mesa Verde Vineyard

Harvest Dates: September 23rd, 2015

Chemistry: Brix: 25.6; pH: 3.44

Winemaking: Hand harvested, then carefully destemmed before crushing, this wine was raked to a combination of French and American oak barrels for 8 months.

Bottling date: May 23rd, 2016

Optimal drinking window: 2016-2019

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