



KOKOMO WINERY

SONOMA COUNTY, CA



2013 Merlot, Pauline's Vineyard Dry Creek Valley

Varietal:	100% Merlot
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Harvest:	September 2013
Fermentation:	Tank fermented
Barrel Aging:	16 months in 100% French, 50% new
Cases Prod:	363 cases
Alcohol:	14.8%
Price:	\$36

Vineyard Description:

This vineyard is located on Dry Creek Road, directly across the street from the winery. It is farmed by Randy Peters, who was born on the property, and named after his late mother, Pauline. The soil is made up of Yolo Sandy Loam. This Merlot is from the small producing and elegant clone 181, which is cane pruned. With the vineyard's natural acidity and limited production per acre, this fruit is incredibly structured and balanced.

Winemaker Notes:

This is not your mother's Merlot but instead a big bold wine reminiscent of Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine greets you with layers of complex aromas. Anise, blue fruit, cigar box, and violets give way to lush fruit and pepper as it opens. Well structured flavors of plum and currant are balanced by boysenberry, pink peppercorn, and firm tannins. This merlot has wonderful ageability and is best enjoyed after decanting and left to breathe.



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