

# KOKOMO WINERY



## 2014 Merlot, Pauline's Vineyard

### Dry Creek Valley

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Merlot
<b>Appellation:</b>	Dry Creek Valley
<b>Harvest:</b>	September 2014
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Tank fermented
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	16 months in 100% French, 50% new
<b>Cases Prod:</b>	264 cases
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Price:</b>	\$34

#### 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 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 age ability and is best enjoyed after decanting and left to breathe.