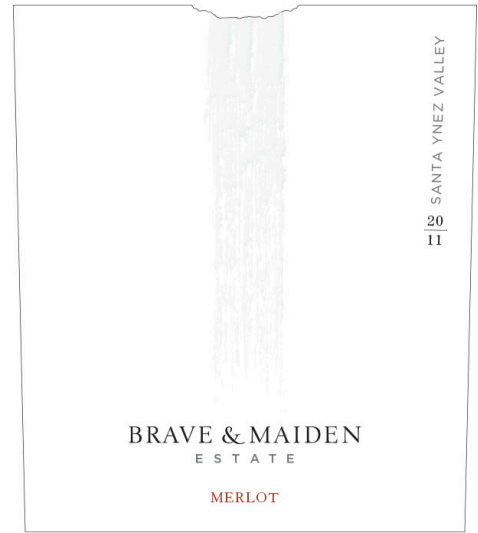


BRAVE & MAIDEN

ESTATE

2011 Merlot

Jewel-toned with an aromatic infrastructure of leather and hickory, anise and cocoa. Imbued with floral, smoky character and completed with a bracing, forested acidity. A full-bodied, single barrel selection that reminds us why Merlot is one of the world's noble varietals.



VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Year Planted</i>	1996 - 1998
<i>Rootstock</i>	420A
<i>Clone(s)</i>	181
<i>Harvest Date</i>	18-31 October
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	Bud break came in early April, followed by a fairly mild summer; four very hot days in September led to a mild Autumn

WINEMAKING

<i>Blend</i>	94% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Description</i>	Whole berries de-stemmed and fermented for 14 days with native yeast; aged 24 months in 80% French oak and 20% American oak (30% new)
<i>Bottle Date</i>	6 March 2014

RELEASE

<i>Cases Produced</i>	24 from a single barrel
<i>Release Date</i>	October 2014
<i>SRP</i>	\$50

SCORES

91	<i>Wine Enthusiast</i> , Matt Kettmann
90	<i>Vinous</i> , Josh Reynolds

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