



ARIEL

ARIEL 2006 MERLOT *The Original Non-alcoholic Merlot!*

VARIETAL

Ariél 2006 California Merlot offers all of the benefits of a red wine, with less than half of one- percent alcohol. The grapes were grown in San Luis Obispo county, from vineyards known for superior Merlot production.

WINEMAKING

Ariél California Merlot was fermented and aged in the traditional red wine method: fermentation in stainless steel cooperage on the skins at temperatures above 75°F (24°C). After fermentation, the wine was separated from the skins and a portion and moved to small French oak barrels for aging. Just prior to bottling, the alcohol is gently removed by cold filtration.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Ariél California Merlot has aromas of cherry, raspberry and cassis, combined with a white chocolate, clove and oak bouquet from the barrel aging. At its optimum maturity two years after bottling, it can be enjoyed immediately or held for up to seven years before enjoying. Ariél Merlot is the ideal accompaniment to enjoy with beef, lamb and wild game dishes.

Ethanol: 0.15% by volume

Varietal Profile: 85% Merlot; 10% Cabernet Sauvignon; 5% other reds

Serving Size: 100 ml = 3.38 ounces

Calories/Serving: approximately 24

Cases Produced: 2,100

