

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



Merlot

MASON

☼☼☼ 91 MASON Yount Mill Vineyards Napa Valley 1999

Very much reflecting what Merlot should be about, this wine is sweetly fruited in its red cherry aromas that blend comfortably with notes of bacon, cappuccino and crème brûlée. Full in body and supple in mouthfeel and displaying a solid sense of varietal succulence, the wine picks up lots of creamy support courtesy of its generously laid on oakiness. Its finish is a bit dry and tough at present, but given a few years of quiet cellaring, should find a more polished stance, and it quite a good wine for the money. GOOD VALUE

175 175 \$24.00

MERLOT PG 162 | BORDEAUX STYLE BLENDS CENTERFOLD | CHARDONNAY PG 171

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