



2007 MerBec™

Napa – Lovall Valley

Retail \$22.00

The noble Merlot is loaded with plummy and red-raspberry flavors, but often times is a little thin on character. With the equally venerable Malbec variety it finds its glove-in-hand fit. Our **MerBec™** is the perfect blend of Merlot and Malbec, carefully composed to highlight Merlot's character, but balanced on a sturdy foundation of cedar, blueberry and flinty earth.

The **Napa Merlot** is noted for its powerful aromatic profile, its bracing firmness. The crucial addition of a rare Malbec brings down the bracing character and adds suppleness and finesse to the finish.

It has been noted that this wine pairs particularly well with beef and venison based dishes, especially savory treatments highlighting long braising or well marinated grilling. MerBec™ compliments the exotic Middle-eastern spices, cumin, barberries, saffron, allspice and garam masala.

Cases Produced	100
Primary Oak	American (Missouri)
Secondary Oak	American
Alcohol	12.9-13.5%

Irish Monkey Cellars was bonded in 2006 by Loreta and Bob Lynch (winemaker). The organoleptic profile of the wines is more toward the fruity, clean and true-to-varietal than toward the heavier style prevalent today. Bob recalls many exemplary wines of both France and Italy that exhibit the same fruit-forward, concentrated flavors that use oak only as a breath of complexity, not “the whole show”. We hope you enjoy our wines, and we invite you to visit our winery at www.irishmonkey.net.