



2007 Merlot

Napa – Lovall Valley

Retail \$18.00

The 2007 *Napa/Lovall Merlot* was picked on the very day of perfect ripeness. In keeping with the Merlot grape, it is a well structured, straight shooting, deeply colored wine, fresh, without complexity, the perfect accompaniment to foods that are just the opposite. We fully age this wine in Oak, because we feel that such a noble grape should be allowed to develop its character, and not have it intentionally suppressed to suit the market. Hopefully you will agree!

The fermentation was completed over several weeks using Pasteur selected French yeasts in a moderately cool environment (about 62F). The balance of flavors edges towards berries over stone-fruit.

Cases Produced	250
Primary Oak	American (Missouri)
Secondary Oak	French (Limousin)
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.