

UPPER BENCH

WINERY & CREAMERY

2012 ESTATE MERLOT

\$30.50

92 Points- Liam Carrier of Icon Wines



Nose:

- Vanilla
- Milk Chocolate
- Black pepper
- Cigar box
- Black cherry
- Plum

Palate:

- Red & black currant
- Baking Spice
- Mocha
- Cocoa

Vintage Notes:

100% Merlot hand picked on October 7th at 24.3 Brix, solely from Upper Bench's sustainably farmed, home vineyard. Hand tended, cropped low at 3.4 tons per acre, the grapes were fermented in 700 litre wooden vats and then cellared in French oak barrels, 30% new, for 20 months. 154 cases produced.

CASES 154 | CSPC 412627 | ALC. 14.5% | BRIX 24.3

TONS 3.4/ACRE | pH 3.44 | T.A. 6.8 | R.S. 3.0

AGING: 20 MONTHS FRENCH OAK, 30% NEW

VINEYARD: UPPER BENCH

PICK DATES: OCTOBER 7TH, 2012

PAIRS WITH: UPPER BENCH KING COLE