

Wofford Acres Vineyards
Bearly There
2008 Merlot
Estate – El Dorado

Harvest

100% Merlot
Harvest date: 21 Sept. 2008
Harvest Brix: 27.5 degrees brix
pH: 3.86
Total Acidity: 0.52 g/100ml

Wine

Alcohol: 14.4%
pH: 3.91
TotalAcidity: 0.59gm/100ml
Barrel Aging: 23 months
in 100% one year old
French oak.
Bottling Date: 28 Aug. 10
Cases Produced: 48

Winemaking Notes

The 2008 vintage was the first real harvest of our Merlot. This was to be a key component to our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon program. However on the evening of Oct 17th those plans changed. Overnight all of our 500 gallon tanks had been moved with new wine in them. Two tanks remained upright – partially full tanks of Syrah and this Merlot. The third tank had the 2008 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and was nearly full. That tank on Friday morning was on its side, what was left of the tank that is. All of the Cabernet was gone to what could only have been a bear pulling the tank over. So, the entire vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon was lost and thus the Merlot had to become a stand alone wine.

As a side note the bears ate all the Merlot grapes off the vines in 2009! Wonder which they preferred?

Tasting Notes

A deep magenta color leads to expressive aromas as the wine explodes with ripe plum and blackberry aromas. Flavors follow the ripe extracted progression to a firm finish.

Paul