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## 2010 SODA CANYON VINEYARD MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2010 Soda Canyon Vineyard Merlot is a vivacious wine that displays ideal ripeness from a uniquely cool California vintage. It has a dark garnet color and a complex nose of cherry liqueur, dark chocolate, pipe tobacco, lavender, cloves and hazelnut. On the palate, it has a velvety mouthfeel, a full body, beautiful acid balance and a long, juicy finish. Given proper cellaring, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2027.

### NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

2010 was the first of two unusually cool California vintages. The spring was cool with some minor frosts and a few spring showers. June had normal temperatures, which greatly helped bloom and set. Both July and August were unusually cool, which contributed to extraordinary phenolic and color maturity. Slightly above average temperatures in September brought the crop to ideal maturity. We began harvest at Soda Canyon Vineyard on September 27<sup>th</sup>, three weeks later than normal, and ended on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### HARVEST DATES:

September 27 – October 1, 2010

### BARRELS:

French Oak  
36% new  
36% once-used  
28% older

### BARREL AGING:

13 months

### COMPOSITION:

96% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Franc

### ALCOHOL:

14.2%

### RELEASE DATE:

September 1, 2014

### BOTTLE SIZES:

750 ml, 1.5 L magnum,  
3 L double magnum, 6 L imperial