



2009 Merlot Over and Play Dead

This is not a wimpy Merlot. The bulldog on the label is no accident. Never a fan of wimpy wines Merlot or otherwise, Brenda's take on this "don't get no respect" varietal is well...bullish! Her focus has always been on picking very ripe Merlot fruit to get the black and red fruits she loves, and to get soft and ripe tannins. Our 2009 vintage was aged predominantly in used barrels to allow for maturation of the varietal fruit character, rather than for overt extractions of oak flavors and tannins.

2009 Vintage

BRONZE MEDAL - 2012 SF Chronicle Wine Competition
BRONZE MEDAL - 2012 International Women's Wine Competition

2007 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL - 2010 National Women's Wine Competition
SILVER MEDAL - 2009 Pacific Rim International Wine Competition
BRONZE MEDALS - 2010 SF Chronicle, 2009 CA State Fair & 2009 SF International Wine Competitions

2006 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL - 2009 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

2005 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition
GOLD MEDAL - 2008 Los Angeles International Wine Competition



Brenda's Winemaking... Great fruit & cold beer

It's all about the fruit. For her Dog Series wines, Brenda has one goal in mind - create fruit-forward wines with varietally true aromatics, mid palette weight and flavor, and a full bodied and balanced finish. Over the years, Brenda has searched up and down California for vineyards that deliver the right quality of fruit for her wine style. The Central Coast appellation works perfectly for Brenda. The region stretches 250 miles along the coast of California, from San Francisco in the north to Santa Barbara in the south, averaging 25 miles wide. It is made up of numerous sub appellations - Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, Monterey County, Livermore Valley - where Brenda sources her grapes. The beauty of these diverse regions is that they share the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. Brenda's travels always seem to have stops in beach towns for a cold beer at the local pub, which she claims are an equally important part of her winemaking!

Tasting Notes

This wine has wonderful cherry aromatics and flavors of cassis, blackberry and plum. Medium-bodied in weight, the pretty and bright fruit flavors are classic "Merlot" and lead into a well balanced finish. The structure is there but the tannins are smooth.

Consider pairing with your favorite recipe for lamb or stuffed mushrooms.

—Wimp not!

Information

Vintage:	2009
Appellation:	Central Coast
% Merlot:	96%
Alcohol:	13.5%
Produced:	1,432 cases
UPC:	8 50432 00090 7



Brenda and bulldog friend

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