



## 2013 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. In keeping with our approach to Merlot, our 2013 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.*

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### 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. Brenda sources her fruit from a variety of appellations within California always letting the quality of the fruit drive her selections. Her 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!

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### Tasting Notes

Forget the dainty stereotype, our Merlot is ready, willing and able to fight for a place at your table. Our 2013 Mutt Lynch Merlot Over and Play Dead is medium-ruby in color and opens to aromatics of plums and black cherries. The flavor profile is of plums, black cherries, and notes of tea leaf. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, nicely balanced and with a smooth, though dry finish.

Pair this "bully" with beef medallions or your favorite mushroom burger. For a can't miss meatless option--pair with some roasted vegetables.

—Bully For You!

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### Information

Vintage:	2013
Appellation:	North Coast
% Merlot:	100%
Alcohol:	13.5%
Produced:	820 cases
UPC:	8 50432 00090 7



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