



## 2012 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 2012 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

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**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

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Our 2012 Mutt Lynch California Merlot opens with aromas of cherry pie, caramel and toast. The fruit-forward flavors are reminiscent of dark berries and black plums. This 100% Merlot has a round smooth mouthfeel and finishes with a touch of sweet oak and cocoa.

We don't think you could go wrong pairing this "bully" with some grilled chops (veal, pork or lamb), or perhaps skip the entrée entirely and just enjoy with some roasted veggies.

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### Information

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Vintage:	2012
Appellation:	California
% Merlot:	100%
Alcohol:	13.5%
Produced:	516 cases
UPC:	8 50432 00090 7



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