

Marilyn Wines

 16<sup>th</sup>  
CALIFORNIA MERLOT

Norma Jeane™  
2013

**Winemaker Notes:**

Making a young Merlot requires a coordinated effort on the part of the vineyard staff and the winemaker, to grow the grapes and make wine with the knowledge that the wine is slated for early release. Our 2013 Norma Jeane, A Young Merlot, displays the characteristics we strive for -softer tannins, lower alcohol, and fresh fruit flavors. The wine is rich in color with berry flavors and is ready for you to enjoy. We really love this one and it is time to say, "I'll have a glass of 2013 Norma Jeane."

**The Vineyards:**

Once again, we used 100% Merlot from a family that for nearly three decades has proudly practiced the art of sustainable winegrowing in California's Lodi AVA and produces a Merlot that is soft and lush. The grapes were hand harvested and the wine was made to our specifications. The wine was bottled March 21, 2014.

**The Vintage:**

During the growing season, the Lodi area is typically sunny, with warm daytime temperatures that are moderated in the afternoon by the delta breeze. The temperatures drop significantly at night, and this offers the opportunity for great grape production. The annual harvest arrived about two weeks early compared to a typical year, due to significant summer heat spikes in 2013 and its overall dry growing season.

**Pairing:**

This Norma Jeane, is a natural for pork, red meats and fowl..

**Photograph:**

The photo on the label was taken by Bernard Bruno (also known as Bernard of Hollywood) and it shows Norma Jeane in one of their first sittings.



UPC: 852600004038

Grapes: 100% Merlot  
Appellation: Lodi, CA  
Sugar: 0.10 (dry)  
pH: 3.75  
Acid: 0.60g/100mL  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
Suggested Retail: \$13.00