



***The 2008 vintage Marilyn Merlot is the 24<sup>th</sup> release of this fine wine. It is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was aged in 100% oak barrels, 35% of which were new for this vintage. Aromas of Herbes de Provence, primarily thyme and lavender complement the oak components of vanilla and smoke from the wood. Moderate alcohol and good acidity make this wine a good pairing with fine foods. Vineyard locations for this wine are from our longtime growers in Yountville and Oakville regions of the Napa Valley.***

**John McKay  
Winemaker**

**Vineyards:** Yountmill Vineyard 88%  
Beckstoffer Vineyard 12%

**Harvest Date:** Sept-Oct 2008  
**Alcohol** 13.9%,  
**Total Acid** 0.60g/100ml

**Bottled the last week of February 2010**

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