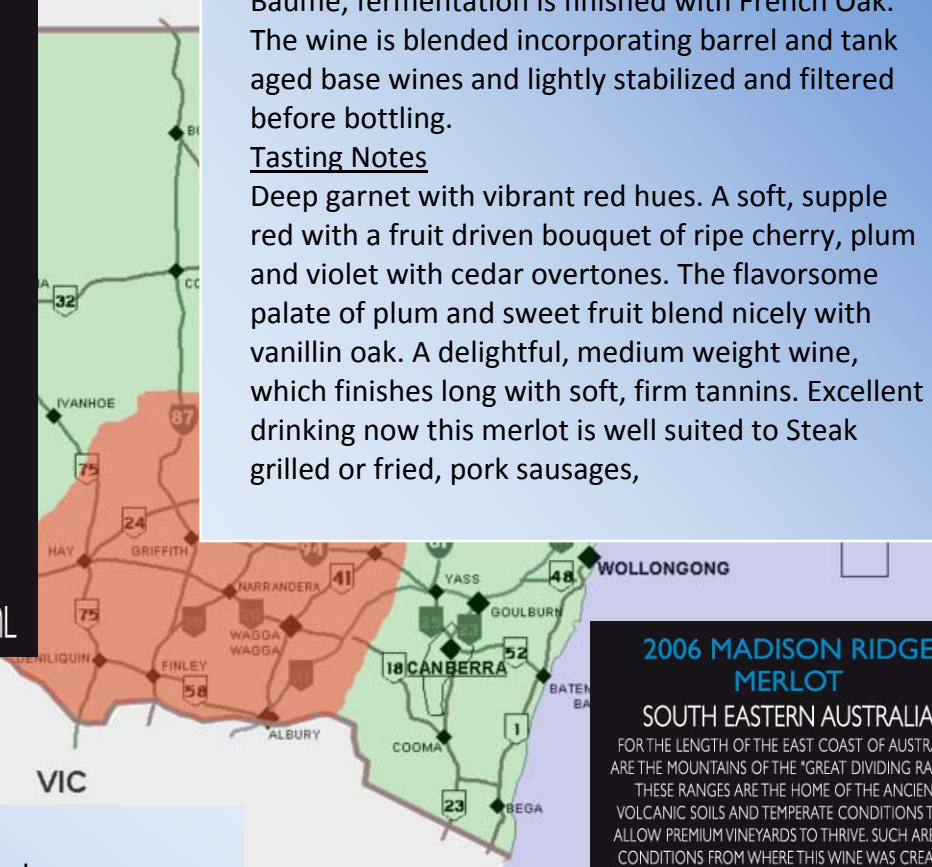




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MADISON RIDGE MERLOT 2006



Vinification

Merlot are plump soft grapes, therefore, the wine is made with gentle handling to preserve the primary fruit and prevent the wines from becoming hard and dull. Grapes are fully destemmed and only lightly crushed. Fermented in open concrete fermenters, pumped over and hand plunged with gentle extraction. Pressed in a Vaslin basket press when 2 Baume, fermentation is finished with French Oak. The wine is blended incorporating barrel and tank aged base wines and lightly stabilized and filtered before bottling.

Tasting Notes

Deep garnet with vibrant red hues. A soft, supple red with a fruit driven bouquet of ripe cherry, plum and violet with cedar overtones. The flavorsome palate of plum and sweet fruit blend nicely with vanillin oak. A delightful, medium weight wine, which finishes long with soft, firm tannins. Excellent drinking now this merlot is well suited to Steak grilled or fried, pork sausages,

History

Fertile plains were discovered in the early 1800s on the other side of the Great Dividing Range near Bathurst, New South Wales. This range divides the coastal areas from prime agricultural real estate.

The Calabria family are 4th generation wine makers who take great pride in producing Madison Ridge in the lush Riverina of Australia.

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750ML Alc. 13.5% By Vol.

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