## Peirano Estate Vineyards 2014 Six Clones Merlot The Heritage Collection Estate Grown, Lodi Appellation



## WINEMAKING NOTES:

Peirano Estate Vineyard's Merlot is produced from 6 different clones of Merlot grown on the estate, including two rare French clones as well as the very rare Italian clone. Peirano Estate was the first commercial winery to grow and produce wine from these rare Merlot clones.

After HAND PICKING, the fruit arrives at the winery ready for its careful journey from grape to wine. The must was inoculated with Bordeaux red Pasteur yeast, fermented to dryness, pressed and settled before being moved into barrels. Aged in French and American oak barrels, of which 15% was new oak, the barrels were specifically selected to compliment the supple structure of our Merlot.

## **TASTING NOTES:**

Aromas of raspberries, ripe blackberries, boysenberries and anise join together in a single sensation of olfactory bliss. The mouth is filled with an array of flavors, including red cherries, pomegranates and raspberries, with a lingering hint of dried cherries. Bright red fruit tannins and good acidity leave a pleasing, long lasting, soft finish.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES:**

Malolatic Fermentation: 100% Total Acidity: .57g Bottled: August 17, 2015 pH: 3.60 Residual Sugar: .311 Alcohol: 13.8% Enjoy now or cellar through 2025

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