

Dog Tail vineyards

2005 Merlot

Winemaking Philosophy

It's all about the quality of your breeding stock. And at Dog Tail Vineyards, we've made sure to source championship lines from one of the world's best growing regions – California. Our Merlot was raised on pure California sunshine in Lodi and Monterey.

Screw Caps, A Smart Choice

With our focus on quality, our winemaker decided what better closure than a screwcap. Used in Europe for decades, this modern closure keeps the wine fresh from the vineyard to your table. And talk about convenience... No leaking when you lay them down and if you're all thumbs, or paws, with a corkscrew, you're in luck. Twist off the cap and all you're left with is a bright shiny collar and just a great whine!

Head Breeder Notes

Every dog has his day and it's time to give Merlot another chance to show what it can really do. The aroma is a heady mix of bright fruit and cedar spice with rich flavors of succulent juicy black cherries and plums. This sumptuous, smooth and silky red just wants to be loved.

Chow Hound Choices

Merlot is a red that can go with meat, fish or fowl. Blackened grilled salmon is a sure hit but it's also exceptional with pizza or gourmet deli sandwiches.

Technical Information

Breeding:	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon – Lodi & Monterey
Training:	aged 4 to 6 months
Alcohol:	13.5%
Released:	July 2006

Most Significant Awards

- *Wine Enthusiast*, December 15th, 2006
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