



RUBISSOW



2004 Rubissow Merlot

APPELLATION

100% Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley - Rubissow Vineyards.

PRODUCTION

12/750 ml - 130 cases

BLEND

Merlot 100%

WINEMAKER NOTES

NOSE: Blueberry, sweet red cherry, dust, cocoa, lavender, mocha.

TASTE: Flashy red raspberry fruit with layers of blueberry, cherry, dusty oak, coffee - with smooth, soft tannins. Very expressive. Drinking well now. Age through 2010.

TECHNIQUE: Hand sorted fruit, fruit destemmed and berries barely broken, 5 day cold soak, wild and inoculated fermentations, all small lot open top fermentors, hand punch downs and pumpovers two to three times daily, malolactic completed in barrel, minimal handling, bottled UNFINED and UNFILTERED.

HARVEST DATES

October 21-30, 2004

FERMENTATION

24 days before pressing

BARREL AGING

20 months in artisan French oak cooperage

ALCOHOL BY VOL

14.9%

WINEMAKER

Timothy Milos

Accolades

“WINE OF THE WEEK”

“Smooth, rich and ripe with vanilla, spice and gorgeous oak; long, pretty and lush with excellent acid structure.”

92 POINTS

ANTHONY DIAS BLUE

Bluelifestyle.com / Blue Reviews / Patterson's Tasting Panel Magazine - February 2008

“... I generally do not like “big” wines. Nor am I much of a fan of Merlot . . . Here goes...Wait a minute! I like this! The wine shows minerality in both the nose and mouth as well as truffly red fruits that typify Merlot for me . . . there is good acidity here . . . and some tannins for aging . . . Indeed, the wine remains surprisingly fresh, and if asked to guess the alcohol, I would have put it at 13.8-13.9%. Drink now-2025.

93 POINTS /A

FINE WINE REVIEW - February 2008

“It’s not often that a winery completely changes its style and gets it done right so early in the game. Rubissow has gone from old-school to flashy just about overnight, and the wines have never been better. This fleshy Merlot comes packed to the gills with brooding dark fruits, cocoa powder and sturdy mountain tannins. This is a serious red wine from one of Napa’s hidden gem districts.”

BOUNTY HUNTER RARE WINE & PROVISIONS CATALOG - Napa Valley.