



2007 MERLOT  
CHICKEN RANCH VINEYARD  
RUTHERFORD—NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Ideally situated on the northern border of the Rutherford appellation, our Chicken Ranch Vineyard yields distinctive Merlot with elegant bright fruit, minerality and dried herbs. Here, the grapes enjoy a constant, warm climate and a unique soil composition that imbue the grapes with the prized hallmark of "Rutherford Dust." This vineyard is biodynamically farmed.

2007 GROWING SEASON

The year began dry with some very cold days and single-digit nighttime temperatures around the New Year holiday, and continued dry, with about 60% of normal precipitation throughout the Napa Valley. Temperatures were warmer than normal as winter continued into spring with resulting earlier budding, bloom and set. The summer growing season continued on the mild to cool side, allowing for even ripening. Clusters, as well as individual berries on the clusters were notably smaller.

TRINCHERO  
NAPA VALLEY

*Est. 1948*

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"This Merlot is more old-world in style than our other wines. A pretty wine, it showcases bright red fruit with cedar, pencil shavings, cigar box, spice and savory notes. Good acidity, soft and silky tannins, and integrated oak make this an elegant and imminently drinkable wine, and an ideal accompaniment to Italian food—I'm thinking a nice Bolognese sauce." —Mario Monticelli

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATES: October 18, 2007

COOPERAGE: 17 months, 100% French oak (40% new)

RELEASE DATE: September 2009

CASES PRODUCED (9L): 1420

ALC: 14.2% | PH: 3.84 | TA: 0.6 g/100ml | RS: 0.02g/100ml

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

*Wines bearing the Trinchero Napa Valley label are luxury class, predominantly single- vineyard, wines from our Napa Valley estates. Each is painstakingly handcrafted and produced in limited quantities. We source our grapes from over 200 acres of estate vineyards in prime Napa Valley appellations, including St. Helena, Mount Veeder, Rutherford and Atlas Peak. The Trinchero family has been making wine in the Napa Valley since 1948, and Trinchero Napa Valley serves to honor the legacy of founder Mario Trinchero.*

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