



2010 DAYBREAK BLOCK MERLOT
VISTA MONTONE VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Southern Napa, like its neighbor, Carneros, is open to the cooling influence of the San Pablo Bay, so grapes grown here ripen slowly, developing concentrated flavors. Our Vista Montone vineyard is home to a special block that faces the rising sun, aptly named Daybreak. The vineyard's cool microclimate and chalky soil is ideal for producing deep, complex Merlot.

2010 GROWING SEASON

The 2010 vintage started out with a very cool and wet spring that let into the characteristically dry, though slightly cooler than normal, Napa summer. Usually the Napa Valley goes through several heat spikes and in 2010 these were on the late side without significant heat until the third week of August and then additional heat waves in September and October.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"This is our most southern vineyard and is not very vigorous due to the cool microclimate. Bud break happens early, but then we don't end up picking until mid-October. However, despite this cool microclimate, this is not a timid wine and often is mistaken for a Cabernet. It is very new-world style with structured and gregarious tannins. It has layered aromas of crème de cassis, vanilla, black fruit, sweet tea and rosemary leading into luscious and concentrated bright red and black fruit flavors with hints of anise and spice." - Mario Monticelli

TRINCHERO
NAPA VALLEY

Est. 1948

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Merlot

HARVEST DATES: October 15, 2010

COOPERAGE: 20 months, 100% French oak (70% new)

RELEASE DATE: July 2013

ALC: 14.8% | PH: 3.87 | TA: 6.3 g/L

CASES PRODUCED (9L): 495

Wines bearing the Trinchero Napa Valley label are luxury class, single-vineyard, wines from our Napa Valley estates. Each is carefully handcrafted and produced in limited quantities. We source our grapes from more than 100 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.
