

For over 30 years, Kenwood Vineyards has exclusively crafted wine from the single vineyards of Jack London's historic ranch. Each varietal captures Sonoma Mountain's unique character garnering an extraordinary and enduring appeal.



Jack London  
VINEYARD

## JACK LONDON SERIES

### 2012 Jack London Merlot WINEMAKER'S NOTES



#### PROFILE

Composition: 98% Merlot  
2% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Appellation: Sonoma Mountain  
Aging: 19 months in French and American oak barrels  
Acidity/pH: 6.9/ 3.51  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Production: 10,951 six bottle cases  
Bottled: May 2013

#### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of fig and ripe plum combine with exotic notes of licorice, roasted cocoa bean and toasted vanilla. This full bodied wine is complemented by well-structured tannins and an elegant lingering finish.

The Jack London Vineyard creates distinctive red wines that have a loyal following throughout the world. The red volcanic soil and pleasantly warm climate of this hillside location combine to produce rich, full-bodied wines. Located on Sonoma Mountain with a southeastern exposure, the vineyard is above the fog level and receives early morning sun, followed by late afternoon breezes which temper the day's most extreme heat. The result of this exceptional terroir is grapes of great distinction that make wines with superb flavor and deep, rich color.

The vintage of 2012 started with a dry and mild spring which gave way to a summer with nearly perfect growing conditions. The fruit was harvested over the course of several weeks in late September/early October as each vineyard block attained its maximum flavor and ripeness. After fermentation, the young wine was pressed and settled before being placed in barrels for aging. After 19 months in the barrels the blend was assembled and a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon was added to give additional complexity and balance.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

The rich fruit flavors found in this Merlot complement a wide range of dishes, including braised beef, rich stews and pastas.

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