

Iris Vineyards 2014 Aroha Merlot



Tasting Notes: Classic to the varietal, this Merlot bears cassis and black cherry on the nose, with hints of Cherry liqueur, vanilla and rose petal. The palate is ripe with raspberry and pomegranate juice borne on firm tannins that will definitely soften and round out with age.

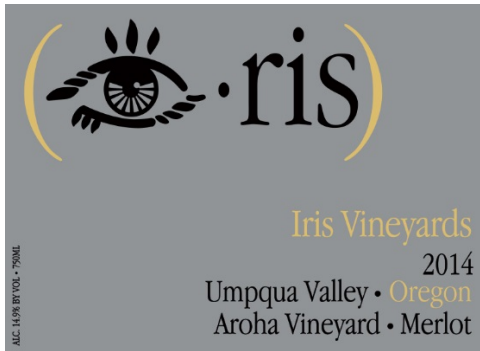
Growing Season: The 2014 growing season at Aroha Vineyard, on the banks of the Umpqua River, started out with very near ideal conditions through bloom. During the summer months we experienced a record number of warmer days in the Roseburg Area. We picked the Aroha Vineyard Merlot on September 20th in beautiful condition; it was perfectly ripe with excellent flavors typical of this varietal.

Case Production: 212 cases

Cooperage: Cellared for 11 months in 20% 1-year-old American Oak and 60% 2-year-old French Oak

Final Analysis: 14.9% alcohol; TA 7.2 g/L; pH 3.25

Vineyard Source: 100% Aroha Vineyard, Umpqua Valley



Located in the Willamette Valley, twenty minutes southwest of Eugene, OR, Iris produces world-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay.

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