



2001 MERLOT, OAKVILLE

Miner Merlot from the hills of Oakville is made to stand self-assuredly alongside our Cabernet with its dense fruit core and robust stature. This merlot doesn't mess around - deep and dark in color, full-on black cherry, sweet smoke and earthy spice characteristics displayed on a prominent backbone. This wine has both attitude and amplitude, and will for years to come.

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APPELLATION	<i>100% Oakville</i> 82% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon & 2% Cab Franc	ANALYSIS	Alcohol 14.2% pH 3.47 TA .57
HARVEST	September 28, 2001 Picked 24.9 Brix	PRODUCTION	611 cases
VINEYARD	Oakville Ranch Vineyard	BOTTLED	August 21, 2003
BARREL AGING	23 Months 55% New French Oak	NOTES <i>Suggested Retail Price: \$28</i>	
RELEASED	February 2005		

H I S T O R Y

Founded in 1998 by Dave Miner along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, handcrafted wines using fruit from Oakville Ranch, Ed and Norma's vineyard and other carefully selected California vineyards. We produce limited quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc using a combination of old world winemaking techniques and modern technology. The focus of our label is to produce high end, reserve style wines that reflect the unique characteristics of individual vineyards or "terroir" where specific varietals grow best.