

# BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

## 2010 Estate Grown Merlot

At Bravante Vineyards we have 2 blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our Stoneridge Vineyard, and they both add distinctive parts to our Estate Grown Merlot. At the northern end of the property is Block 1, which is classic Merlot, fruity, rich and complex. At the southern end is Block 5, which is all 'Howell Mountain' -- intense and structured. Blended together they produce a rich, complex and structured Merlot, which has concentration and loads of varietal Merlot character.

The 2010 Estate Grown Merlot has bright aromas of plums, cherries, and berries with hints of tea leaves and vanilla. The smooth tannins balance the flavors of ripe Santa Rosa Plums, and the long finish is full of spice-box and fruit tannin.

### Viticulture

Appellation:	100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain
Varietal Content:	91% Merlot 9% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Winemaking:

Time in oak:	23 months
Bottling:	September 2012
Alcohol:	14.6%
Aging potential:	7 to 10 years
Cases produced:	350 cases produced
Release date:	January 1, 2016
Vineyard manager:	Peter Murphy
Winemaker:	Duane D. Dappen

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