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2023 Merlot
Livermore Valley

Description: A full bodied, complex Merlot. The dark cherry and plum fruit is layered with cocoa, anise, black pepper and dried herbs. Light acidity, medium tannins and a long lasting finish makes this a very enjoyable wine.

Vineyard Notes: Thatcher Bay is located on the east side of Livermore at a high elevation. The afternoon winds cool down the fruit to make this a moderately warm climate. The Merlot thrives from the hot days, cooling evenings, and significantly cooler nights. The trellis is overhead quadrilateral which provides ample shading of the grapes.

Varietals: 88% Thatcher Bay Merlot
8% Insel Carmenere
2% White Cat Malbec
2% White Cat Cabernet Franc

Awards: 93 Points – Wine Enthusiast
Silver Medal – SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Barrel Treatment: 19 Months in 90% French Oak (55% New and 33% Once)

Cases Produced: 242
Bottling Date: May 23, 2025
Release Date: **June 28, 2025**

Vital Statistics:

Al	14.0% Alcohol by Volume
TA	.76
pH	3.37
RS	.2 g/L

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