



*A sensual expression of purpose, form and passion*

**ÆROS® Vintage 2007**  
**Napa Valley Estate Meritage**  
**ÆROS Series Number 12**

This vintage proudly marks the 12th ÆROS release in our 25-year history, a remarkably opulent, complex blend. Geoff Gorsuch, our Winemaker, carefully selected the finest lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Cabernet Franc exclusively from our Estate to create a wine of extraordinary beauty, intensity and majestic proportion.

**Winemaker Notes**

The long, mild growing season presented nearly textbook harvest conditions, setting the stage for excellence. The best Bordeaux clones, three of Cabernet Sauvignon and two each of Cabernet Franc and Merlot were married with Petit Verdot through repeated tasting trials, over a period of months, maximizing complexity and bringing the four varieties into perfect balance.

Stunning – a complex expression of intense, yet nuanced, flavors are united with the ÆROS signature elegance. The seductive scent of blackberry, ripe plum, mocha and mint anticipates dense, but graceful layers of black cherry, raspberry, cocoa and spice that coat the palate and linger, finishing with rich, toasty oak and polished, supple tannins. Hedonistic, and much too alluring to pass up now, it will develop even greater complexity in the cellar over the years to come.

**Food Suggestions**

Enjoying a glass of 2007 ÆROS Meritage creates an exceptional occasion, in itself, but it's also the perfect centerpiece for a celebratory meal of filet mignon or prime rib. It's a delicious enhancement for a chocolate torte or dark chocolate soufflé cake. Geoff recommends this special recipe, specifically designed for the 2007 ÆROS Meritage by Proprietor and in-house chef, Colleen Topper for Roasted Rack of Lamb with Blueberry Sauce.

*In the many years since it was first created, ÆROS has repeatedly astounded and intrigued collectors of fine wines. Prepare to be swept away...*

**Technical Notes**

Release Date:	March, 2010
Total Cases:	228 cases 750ml & 6 - 1.5L bottles
Appellation:	State Lane, Yountville District, Napa Valley
Components:	70% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Estate Petit Verdot 10% Estate Merlot 5% Estate Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	13.8%
Total Acidity:	.60
pH:	3.48
French Oak:	100% (Nevers, Alliers, COF)
Oak aging:	20 months
Harvest Dates:	September/October, 2007
Bottling Date:	July 3, 2009