



CARDIFF

Merlot

CALIFORNIA

VINEYARDS

Cardiff Cellars' distinctive wines are made with grapes grown in premium vineyards across California's leading appellations, including Lodi and the San Joaquin Valley.

The ideal soil conditions and generous sunlight found in these areas create conditions for growing richly flavorful varietal grapes.

Appellation: 100% California

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

French-born Winemaker Christophe "Cris" LeGrandjacques draws inspiration for Cardiff wines from the European approach to quality and attention to detail, while at the same time embracing innovation and inventiveness. Taking a classic approach with Cardiff wines, he seeks to harmonize the grapes' rich fruit flavors with elegance and finesse. Cris selects only the best grapes, crafting Cardiff wines to be flavorful and well-balanced.

WINEMAKING

After harvest, the grapes were gently pressed and fermented in stainless steel under temperature-controlled conditions to preserve the crispness and ripe fruit flavors. The wine was aged in American Oak, and lightly fined and filtered prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Cardiff Merlot displays lush notes of blackberry, baked cherries, chocolate, and a hint of vanilla. It pairs perfectly with grilled sausages or a savory potato and leek tart.