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We have been farming our land since 1943, blending our northern Italian heritage with our California roots.

Our family chose the lion from St. Mark’s Cathedral in Venice, Italy to symbolize our rich history. Today, we continue this tradition by offering Estate wines for you and your family to enjoy.

2011 MERLOT

BLISS VINEYARD n ESTATE BOTTLED

Grapes: *Bliss Vineyards, Blocks 5, 6, & 12, Hopland, CA, Mendocino*

Harvest: *Night machine harvested on October 17th.
Harvest Brix: 24.6*

Production: *Early morning loads, stemmed and lightly crushed to stainless steel open top tanks. 48-72 hour cold soak prior to fermentation. Pumped over 2-3 times a day. Lots remained on the skins from 10-14 days. Pressed to tank, ML inoculated, settled for 72 hours, racked to barrels. French and American oak, 44% new. Barrel aged for 18 months.*

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

Bottling Date:	June 2013
Cases Produced:	400
Alcohol:	14.1%
Total Acidity:	0.57
pH:	3.56

TASTING NOTES:

The unique terroir of our Bliss Vineyard combined with selected clone varieties allows us to craft our Estate Merlot. This single vineyard Merlot opens with aromas of plum and blackberry, followed by flavors of dark fruit, espresso bean, and cocoa. French oak aging leads to textured tannins and a long, luscious finish.

SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWER

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