



# 2012 Merlot Horse Heaven Hills

**DavenLore**  
winery

**CASES PRODUCED: 113**

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Merlot is the unsung hero of wine grapes. It is amazingly versatile in blends bringing out depth and complex body. Our 2012 Merlot reminds us that this grape can stand alone! This Merlot shows rich aromas of hazelnut, black currant and chocolate. It is silky smooth on the palate and extremely easy to drink. The oak is well integrated, giving notes of coffee, caramel and French toast. So kick back and relax with a glass of 2012 Daven Lore Merlot because it is not a wine to be taken for granted. Cheers!

*Gordon Taylor, Winemaker*

## VINEYARDS

**Location:** ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Merlot Block 8

Durif Block 28

**Planted:** 1998

**Soil:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

## WINEMAKING

**MERLOT • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by hand:** 2 October 2012

**Brix:** 26.0 **pH:** 3.86 **Yeast:** Lallemand EC 1118

**Fermentation:** 13 days **Maximum temperature:** 86°F

**DURIF • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by hand:** 14 October 2012

**Brix:** 25.0 **pH:** 3.62 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

**Fermentation:** 7 days **Maximum temperature:** 85°F

## MERLOT

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**Wine Lore:** When you think red wine, and think classic, what comes to mind? Merlot. Sure, there are other reds that may be bolder, may have more mystery, may have names that are exciting or novel, but there is always Merlot. It is classic. It shows off the oak but still keeps its integrity and just feels right. Whether it is your first red comfort zone or the red that you know you can trust when the world around you is swirling with choices, a good Merlot is like going home.



## TECHNICAL DATA

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Final pH:** 3.54

**Blend:**

Alder Ridge Vineyard

84% Merlot Block 8

16% Durif Block 28

**Cases produced:** 113

**Bottled:** 18 August 2015

**Potential aging:** 4-6 years

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Spinach and Strawberry Salad

Oven Roasted Chicken

Roasted Root Veggies

Sole Meunière

