

WESTERLY VINEYARDS

2001 “W” *Santa Ynez Valley*

Tasting Notes

Our “W” is a Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot, two varietals that bring synergistic qualities to the wine. The Cabernet Franc component is tannic and earthy, while the Merlot component fills out the palate with smooth, rounded fruit. True to form, our 2001 “W” boasts a bouquet of cassis and plum with accents of dusty earth and spicy oak. Flavors of dark red fruits and spicy wood notes lead to an impressive finish, with firm tannins that will reward careful cellaring.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked from a plateau in our estate vineyard, where ancient, shallow soils and consistent sun exposure combine to produce low yields of intensely flavorful fruit. The grapes were destemmed into small open-top fermenters and punched down manually three times per day. The wine was pressed at dryness, then racked to French oak barrels for aging.

Varietal Composition

Cabernet Franc 60%
Merlot 40%

Vineyard

Westerly Estate

Brix at Harvest

24.8

Aging Method

18 months
French oak barrels (35% new)

Final Analysis

pH 3.67
TA .59
Alc. 14.9%

Cases Produced

253

Suggested Retail

\$32/bottle