



## **2009 Carter Cellars Merlot Truchard Vineyard**

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Los Carneros, North Coast, California, USA

Review by Antonio Galloni

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Rating: 90

Drink 2013 - 2021

Cost: \$65

The 2009 Merlot Truchard Vineyard is a dark, brooding wine imbued with blackberry jam, cassis, grilled herbs and flowers. This supple, perfumed Merlot offers terrific balance and plenty of style. This is an intense style, but it works. The Merlot spent 18 months in new French oak barrels. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2021. Mike Smith crafts these rich, textured wines for proprietor Mark Carter. All of the wines are aged in 100% new French oak, which when coupled with the extraction, results in deep, concentrated wines. Tel. (707) 445-0311

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