

VICTOR HUGO

Wine Technical Notes

2008 Estate Merlot

Varieties: 100% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles

Average brix at harvest: 25.0°

Vineyard: Estate

Harvest date: October 23, 2008

Alcohol: 13.7%

Acidity: 0.66 g/100 mls

pH: 3.57

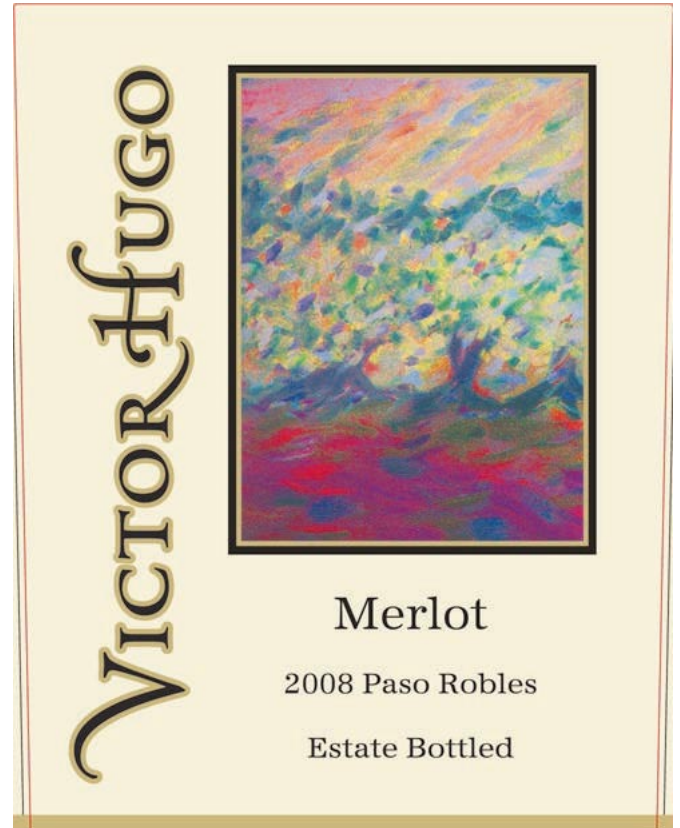
Residual sugar: 0.04 g/100 mls

Date bottled: Jan. 10, 2011

Cases produced: 118

Growing conditions: 2008 featured a relatively dry winter and two severe spring frosts (late March and late April) followed by to a relatively normal budbreak. Erractive weather during bloom caused some red varieties to have to a poor set due to shatter. Overall the extremely small crop produced rugged, incredibly rich wines.

Winemaking: The grapes were hand-harvested, then crushed into a stainless fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with d-254 yeast then pumped over daily for 14 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this Merlot was aged for 25 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels prior to bottling.



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