

# VICTOR HUGO

## Wine Technical Notes

### 2012 Estate Merlot

Varieties: 100% Merlot

Appellation: Paso Robles

Average brix at harvest: 24.0

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 13.7%

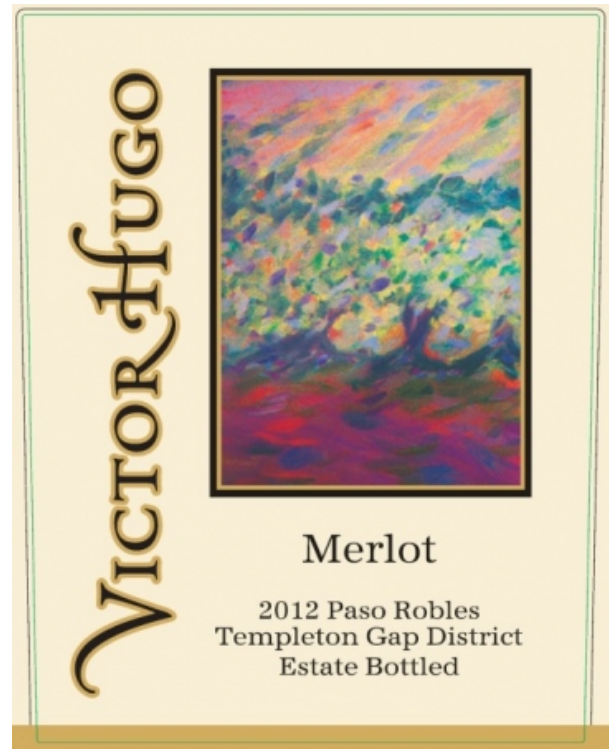
Acidity: 0.71g/100ml

PH: 3.46

Residual sugar: 0.02 g/100ml

Date bottled: December 05, 2014

Cases produced: 249



**Growing conditions:** FINALLY! 2012 HAD RELATIVELY NORMAL CONDITIONS, MINIMAL APRIL FROST, WARM TO HOT DAYS/COOL NIGHTS IN JULY AND AUGUST THEN A MILD INDIAN SUMMER IN LATE SEPT/EARLY OCT. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT 2012 IS THE BEST VINTAGE SINCE 2007 AND POSSIBLY SINCE THE FAMOUS 1997 VINTAGE.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested, then crushed into a stainless fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with FX-15 yeast then pumped over twice daily for 17 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this merlot was aged for 22 months in French and Hungarian oak prior to bottling.

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