



RANCHO SISQUOC WINERY

Celebrating 35 Years of Fine Wines

2008 Cellar Select

Meritage

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
ESTATE GROWN AND BOTTLED

The Winery

Located on the Foxen Canyon Wine trail in Santa Barbara County, California, the winery is part of a 38,000 acre ranch. Rancho Sisquoc Winery is proud to have been hand crafting wines since 1972.

The Vineyard

Our vineyard is comprised of over 300 acres planted on south facing slopes on the Sisquoc River. Unique microclimates allow us to grow several varieties, and to produce grapes that offer distinct flavor and quality.

The Philosophy

Our winemaking philosophy is a simple one: We create high quality wines in limited quantities, and offer them at a reasonable price.

Winemaker's Notes

Rich from the open with an oak, jam driven bouquet coupled with mulled spices, cassis and leather tones. This Meritage boasts a long rich mouth-feel with ripe black fruits, cherry cola, cocoa and sweet toast. The synergy of firm oak tannin and opulent fruit tannin give the '08 an elegant fruit forward finish.

-Alec Franks

Wine Facts	
Vineyard & Appellation	<i>Flood Family Vineyards, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County</i>
Composition	<i>32% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Pt. Verdot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 11% Malbec</i>
Harvest	<i>Fall, 2008</i>
Barrel Notes	<i>Aged 33 months in 100% French oak, 45% new oak.</i>
Fermentation	<i>100% Malolactic Fermentation.</i>
Fining & Filtration	<i>Unfiltered</i>
pH	<i>3.55</i>
TA	<i>7g/l</i>
Alcohol	<i>15.3%</i>
Production	<i>672 cases</i>
Bottling Date	<i>March, 2011</i>
Suggested Retail Price	<i>\$30.00</i>