



# RANCHO SISQUOC WINERY

*Celebrating 35 Years of Fine Wines*

## 2008 MERLOT

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

You could find yourself humming Neil Diamond's song "Cherry Cherry" while sipping on this Merlot. Besides the cherry in the nose, cherry on the palate and cherry on the finish you get variations of vanilla cherry, cherry pie, and cherry liquor throughout. This Merlot is a juicy, ripe wine with toasty oak all around & is simply luscious. Sideways be damned, this is what Merlot is all about!  
-Alec Franks

Wine Facts	
Vineyard & Appellation	<i>Flood Family Vineyards, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County</i>
Composition	<i>13% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
Harvest	<i>October, 2008</i>
Barrel Notes	<i>Aged 19 months in 40% new oak. American, Hungarian, and French.</i>
Fermentation	<i>100% Malolactic Fermentation.</i>
Fining & Filtration	<i>Unfiltered</i>
pH	<i>3.55</i>
TA	<i>6.8g/l</i>
Alcohol	<i>15.0%</i>
Production	<i>1507 cases.</i>
Bottling Date	<i>July, 2011</i>
Suggested Retail Price	<i>\$20.00</i>