



# RANCHO SISQUOC WINERY

*Celebrating Over 35 Years of Fine Wines*

## 2009 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

This is a very balanced Merlot with aromas of baking spice, gingerbread and cocoa leading to fruits like cherry and raspberry with an underlying base of toasty oak. On the palate the balance of fruit and structure emerge with dry chocolate, coffee and red tree fruits. All of this is held together with steady tannin and toasted oak. This dance between sweet and dry continues into a full finish that ends clean. -Alec Franks

Wine Facts	
Vineyard & Appellation	<i>Flood Family Vineyards, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County</i>
Composition	<i>93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
Harvest	<i>October, 2009</i>
Barrel Notes	<i>Aged 19 months in 46% new oak. American, Hungarian, and French.</i>
Fermentation	<i>100% Malolactic</i>
Press	<i>Whole berry to full crush.</i>
Fining & Filtration	<i>Unfiltered</i>
pH	<i>3.63</i>
TA	<i>6.0 g/L</i>
Alcohol	<i>14.2%</i>
Production	<i>2,243 cases.</i>
Bottling Date	<i>August, 2011</i>
Suggested Retail Price	<i>\$20.00</i>