



**Price:** \$64.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

**Varietal:** Merlot

**Brand:** Long Meadow

**LCBO Product #:** 379858

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**Region:** Napa Valley, California, USA

**Category:** Regular Consignment

**Bottles Per Case:** 12

**Bottle Size:** 750ml

#### **Availability**

Availability in consignment

#### **Background**

The vibrant hue of the 2013 Rutherford Estate Merlot is at once inviting and engaging - a sign of the youthful character of this wine. The nose is a complex blend of earthy (wildflower honey, roasted tomatoes, dried oregano), spicy (gingerbread-especially-clove) and fruity (red cherry, fresh figs, cranberry, plum compote) aromas. The flavors on the palate are more focused and showcase a range of bright red fruits. Balance and structure enhance the mouthfeel. This refreshing Merlot is neither too light nor too heavy; it finishes with persistent fruitiness and the subtle layering of the wines' many other varietal flavors."

#### **Tasting Notes**

The 2013 vintage was a superb vintage. The unusually long season, moderate temperatures without a major heat spike, and lack of rains made for one of the best vintages in recent memory. An early spring bud break allowed our vineyards to get a two-week head start on the vintage, and the lack of frost meant that yields were excellent while the longer growing season allowed for full ripeness. The wines from this vintage will be of outstanding quality.

