



**Alexander Valley Vineyards
Estate
Merlot, 2012
Alexander Valley, United States**

Garnet color is brilliant and almost opaque. First nosings pick up subtle hints of Bing cherry, eucalyptus, and dry soil then with additional aeration the bouquet rounds out into a cherry preserves banquet that's lovely and slightly herbal. The herbaceous quality accelerates on palate as the taste profile turns seriously earthy, herbal, cocoa-like, and even chocolaty. A bigger, deeper style of merlot that is scrumptious.

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