

**ARIEL 2001 MERLOT**

*The Original Non-alcoholic Merlot!*

**VARIETAL**

Ariél 2001 California Merlot offers all of the benefits of a red wine, with less than half of one- percent alcohol. The grapes were grown in San Luis Obispo and Stanislaus counties from vineyards known for superior Merlot production.

**WINEMAKING**

Ariél California Merlot was fermented and aged in the traditional red wine method: fermentation in stainless steel cooperage on the skins at temperatures above 75°F (24°C). After fermentation, the wine was separated from the skins and a portion moved to small French oak barrels for aging. Just prior to bottling, the alcohol is gently removed by cold filtration.

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

Ariél California Merlot has aromas of cherry, raspberry and cassia, combined with a white chocolate, clove and oak bouquet from the barrel aging. At its optimum maturity two years after bottling, it can be enjoyed immediately or held for up to seven years before enjoying. Ariél Merlot is the ideal accompaniment to enjoy with beef, lamb and wild game dishes.

<b>Ethanol:</b>	0.15% by volume
<b>Varietal Profile:</b>	75% Merlot 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Serving Size:</b>	100 ml
<b>Calories/Serving:</b>	approximately 24
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	2,100
<b>Suggested Retail Price:</b>	\$7.99