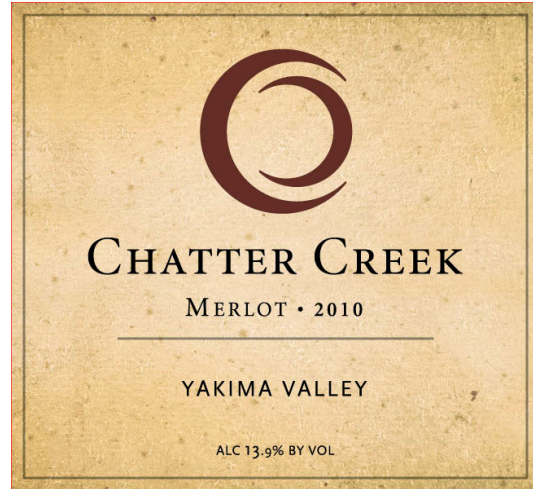


# CHATTER CREEK

Merlot YAKIMA VALLEY ~ 2010

2010 was one of the coolest vintages on record in Washington, and a year that tested my patience. Fortunately, a warmer September and October allowed grapes to ripen to maturity. Terroir driven this is an elegant Merlot from the Lonesome Spring Ranch and Portteus vineyards.

This wine shows dark ruby. The bright nose is intertwined with a complex mix of black cherry, with hints of vanilla, and blackberry. A medley of flavors, including bright red cherry, and blueberry, give way to savory spice notes which round out the mid-palette. Fruity, with a good mouth feel, this is a medium-bodied wine, well-balanced and even, with smooth tannins. A lingering finish leaves you both satisfied and ready for more.



## Vineyard Blend

Portteus	44.6%
Lonesome Spring	50.0%
Hightower	3.4%
Freeponds	2.0%

## Varietal Blend

Merlot	83%
Cabernet Sauvignon	10%
Cabernet Franc	5%
Malbec	2%

## Statistics

Bottled July 19, 2013  
French Oak, 29 months