



# SELENE

## 2008 MERLOT, FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

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**Release:** August 2010; 378 cases

**Varietal  
Composition:** 100% Merlot

**Vineyard:** Frediani Family Vineyard, Calistoga

**Vintage:** This vintage is all older vine, dry-farmed Merlot from the J-Block. 2008 was our second consecutive drought year, and one of Napa Valley's most difficult frost years in recent memory. Although the Frediani Vineyard Merlot escaped frost damage, uneven weather during bloom led to a very low crop. Summer was relatively cool, as was harvest, with only three periods of heat with temperatures around 90 degrees from late August through September.

**Tasting Notes:** The nose features boysenberry pie with a buttery crust, raspberry, brown sugar, caramel, chocolate ganache, coffee, and sandalwood. There is very good impact and intensity on the palate; this Merlot is even-tempered, with balanced tannins and acid, finishing with fine texture and length.