



# SELENE

## 2007 MERLOT, FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

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**Release:** November 2009; 270 cases

**Varietal  
Composition:** 95% Merlot; 5% Cabernet Franc

**Vineyard:** Frediani Family Vineyard Cabernet Franc and Merlot, Calistoga

**Wine Making:** Selene has two blocks of Merlot at Frediani Family Vineyard. For this vintage, we used the dry-farmed Merlot from the J-Block plus a little Cabernet Franc. (The 181 Merlot block went to the Chesler blend.) With the character of the wine from the old, dry-farmed Merlot vines, as well as the Franc, we extended the barrel aging of this wine from our normal 15 months to a slightly extended 21 months.

**Vintage:** This vintage was our first drought year in a while but the season was otherwise nicely measured, with good weather for bloom, veraison, and ripening.

**Tasting Notes:** Blackberry cobbler, with the berries, brown sugar, and vanilla all standing out, along with molasses, blackberry leaf, sandalwood incense, and fine Serrano ham. Loads of impact and concentration in the mouth with big, yet fine, texture and a lengthy finish.