

**From:** Debbie debbie@santiamwine.com  
**Subject:** Tasting: Merlot Dinner special: Meatloaf  
**Date:** March 12, 2020 at 8:17 PM  
**To:** bwelsh@mind-over-media.com



**Merlot melt-down! Cause the show must go on!! Join us we are here !!!**

**Dinner Special: Painted Hills Deluxe Meatloaf, Mushroom Gravy & Mashed Potatoes**

**Full pour: \$30 Half pour: \$17**

**2016 Rombauer Vineyard Merlot Napa Valley \$50**

The 2016 Rombauer Vineyards Merlot is true-to-type. TASTING NOTES: This wine is stylish, well-built, and impeccably balanced. Its energetic aromas and flavors of red cherries and underlying notes oak should pair it well with grilled veal chops and Meatloaf with mushroom gravy! (Tasted: March 13, 2018, San Francisco, CA)  
**90 Points Alfred Wong**

**2016 Freemark Abbey Merlot \$30** A blend of 87.7% Merlot, 6.1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.1% Petit Verdot and 2.1% Malbec, the deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Merlot features ripe, expressive warm plums, black cherries and blackberry scents with touches of spice cake, fallen leaves and tobacco. Full, rich, lushly textured and laden with spiced black fruits, it finishes with a compelling peppery lift. **92 Points Robert Parker**

**2016 Duckhorn Merlot \$40** Varietal Content: 77% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, .5% Malbec, .5 % Petit Verdot; Cooperage: 100% French Oak; Age of Barrels: 40% New, 60% Neutral

The 2016 growing season yielded a beautifully complex expression of Napa Valley Merlot, with inviting aromas of fresh black raspberry, vanilla, tea leaves, pie crust and licorice. On the palate, luxurious red-fruit flavors of strawberry, plum, Bing cherry and loganberry are supported by silky tannins and a bright, mouthwatering acidity that carries the wine to a lingering finish, with hints of maple, cedar and sweet spice.

**2016 L'Ecole Columbia Valley \$25** L'Ecole N° 41 is recognized as one of Washington State's top producers of premium Merlot and this wine delivers with great structure, color, and balanced acidity. Layered with enticing aromas of black cherry, rose petal, and plum, this full bodied yet balanced Merlot shows layers of baking spices and cocoa with a seamless finish of fine-grained tannin

**2015 Tamarack Merlot Columbia Valley \$25** Precise and well-knit, with black cherry, sandalwood and spice flavors that take on depth toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2023 **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**2016 Browne Merlot Columbia Valley \$36** Intense aromas of fig and coffee lead to flavors of strawberry jam, plum and clove. Deep purple in color, this Merlot is full-bodied and will coat your palate with sweet cedar, toasted oak, hazelnut and cherry on the finish. This versatile Merlot will pair well with anything but will really shine with braised lamb shanks, marbled red meats or lamb stew.

--

This message was sent to bwelsh@mind-over-media.com by debbie@santiamwine.com

To forward this message, please do not use the forward button of your email application, because this message was made specifically for you only. Instead use the [forward page](#) in our newsletter system.  
To change your details and to choose which lists to be subscribed to, visit your personal [preferences page](#)  
Or you can [opt-out completely](#) from all future mailings.



