

# CAMERON HUGHES Lot 94 Merlot

*Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

**Vintage:** 2006

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

**Grape:** 100% Merlot

**Production:** 3,413 cases

**Alcohol:** 15%

**Release Date:** November 2008

**Drink/Hold:** Now and through 2015

**Taste:** Deep purple velvet color with a pretty nose of red raspberries, blackberries, allspice and toasty oak. On the palate she's rich with chewy fruit in near-perfect balance of fruit and tannin. The flavors are succulent and brimming with highly extracted fruit true to the seductive aromas found in the nose. Impeccable structure, perfect balance and supple mouth-feel made it the first stand-alone bottled merlot we have done in years.

**Cameron Confidential:** This wine was made for us by the same folks who made Lot 74 and 75, the two Oak Knoll Cabernets. Here's the scoop: We were approached recently by one of the mainstay families of the wine business who, having recently divested themselves of their last winery (over the years they have built and sold several), were keeping their Oak Knoll vineyards and contemplating their own "virtual" brand. Sidetracked by a growing wine barrel business, they offered us the wines provided we buy as much cabernet as we buy merlot. No problem we say, lets taste the wines...well you all know what comes next...we loved the wines, blah, blah, blah, bought them all, etc., etc. Luckily for you, we bought these last December when prices were vastly lower than they are in today's environment. Lot 94 saw only about 33% new French Oak and, like Lots 74 and 75 is more an expression of fruit elegance than oak. Made from 40 year old vines in one of the largest plantings of merlot in Napa Valley.

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