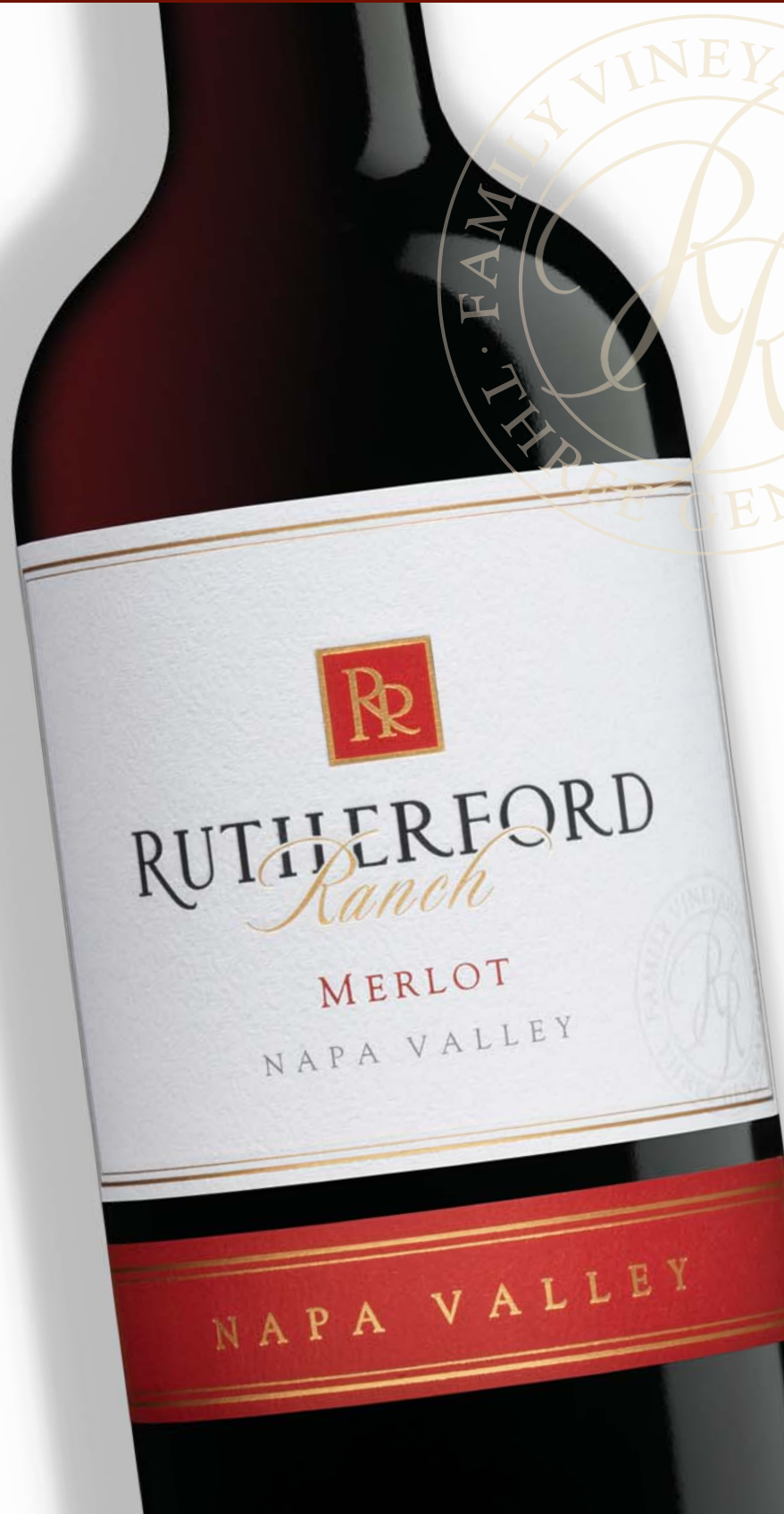




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Rutherford Ranch 2008 MERLOT

The frosts throughout the Napa Valley during the Spring of 2008 were the worst in 30 years. It was also a second dry growing season with very little rain after January. All this resulted in lower crop yields with smaller bunches of intensely flavored fruit.

We source our grapes from premium Napa Valley sub-appellations: Rutherford - where soils are primarily gravel, sand and loam with excellent drainage; and Yountville - which has one of the coolest vineyard exposures, mostly on the valley floor. This combination gives us an aromatic and delicious fruit-forward wine that is food-friendly as well as a wonderful sipper!

WINE DESCRIPTION: A deep purple color packed with bright fruit aromas of blackberry layered with notes of vanilla, anise and nutmeg. Mouthwatering fruit flavors of Bing cherry and vanilla and nutmeg from oak aging. This wine has rich texture with soft tannins and long finish.

TOTAL ACIDITY/pH: .62/3.44

BLEND: 96% Merlot
4% Zinfandel

AGING: 12 months in French and
American Oak barrels

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RELEASE: Summer 2010

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