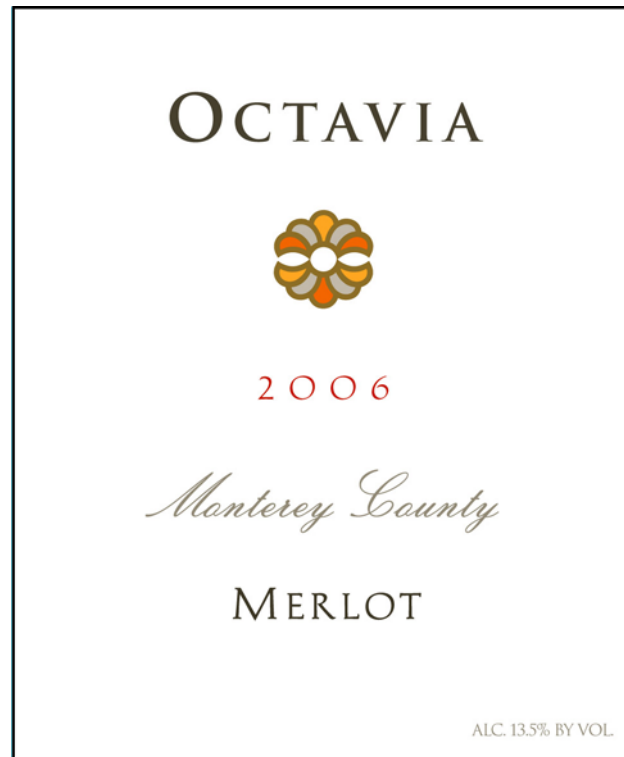


## 2008 Monterey County Merlot



Often the last vineyards picked, Sweetwater Vineyards and Alta Loma were the obvious choices for our 2008 High Note Merlot. With exceptionally long hang time, accompanied by an excellent combination of hot days and cool nights, the Merlot grapes maintained their acidity, kept their rich aromas, and express a deep almost-black-purple color. The grapes are supple and make excellent wines. The vineyards from where the grapes are sourced sit on rolling hills that provide excellent sun exposure and cooling breezes.

Our Merlot is fermented at low temperatures to maximize its flavors and structure. A little French and American oak compliment the fruit but don't overwhelm the mouth feel of the wine. It's rounder than most Monterey Merlots and its complexity will be apparent in the years to come, as the wine develops in the bottle. Great with your favorite hearty meal or to share with friends on its own. Enjoy!!

- Grapes picked at 24.8 degrees brix
- Alcohol percentage: 13.5%