2009 Sonoma Valley Merlot

In 2009, the Merlot, sourced from the Bedrock Vineyard in Sonoma Valley, developed intense fruit very early and was my first to harvest. The fruit developed nicely during its 21 months in mainly French Oak. I blended in 21% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Montecillo Vineyard, high above Sonoma Valley to add tannins, structure and weight to this already hearty Merlot. Bright red fruits, nice acidity, and a long finish make this wine enjoyable with a variety of food, from pizza to steak.

Cheers!
Eric Keating

Detailed Wine Information:

Appellation: Sonoma Valley
Bottling Date: July 19, 2011
Varietal: 79% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrels: 46% New (87% French, 13% American)
Time in Barrels: 21 months
Cases produced: 225
Alcohol: 14.6%
Cellaring potential: 2012-2016