

Cycles GLADIATOR



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Merlot

Appellation: California (65% Livermore Valley, 35% Paso Robles)

Varietal: 83% Merlot, 12% Cabernet & 5% Syrah

Vintage: 2014

Alcohol: 13.3% **TA:** 6.4 g/L **pH:** 3.58

Oak Regimen: 18 months in French and American oak (12% new and 88% neutral barrels)

Winemaker Notes: We utilized grapes from some pretty fantastic vineyards in the Livermore Valley and Paso Robles. It's a Merlot monster packed with everything you would expect from a higher-priced wine.

Tasting Notes: Delicate berry aromas and hints of violet on the nose and notes of light vanilla oak in the background are very pleasing. The palate deals a rich punch of dark blackberry surrounded by ripe, soft, sweet tannins. A pretty thread of acidity keeps the flavors elevated throughout the finish. The wine is nothing short of elegant. Pair it with pork chops, Brussel sprouts sautéed with bacon crumbles in olive oil or a grilled pizza with arugula, sundried tomatoes, roasted garlic and goat cheese.

Award winning winemaker Adam LaZarre started Cycles Gladiator in 2005. LaZarre's philosophy: "I love producing really great wines that taste two to three times the price & knowing that every night someone is enjoying my wine."



12 & Counting

Since 2005, Adam's Cycles Gladiator wine was rated Best Buy a Dozen Times by WE



Quotes from Matt Kettmann

Central and South Coast Editor, Wine Enthusiast

November 2015: "This twist-top wine by Adam Lazarre is popular for good reason..."

July 2016: "There's excitement about the return of this rather iconic bargain brand to the market, and this bottling packs the goods..."

November 2016: "This wine and the entire brand often punch above their weight..."

