



## **R & B Cellars 2009 Minuet in Merlot Napa Valley**

<b>Vineyards:</b>	Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley
<b>Composition:</b>	98% Merlot 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2009
<b>Bottled:</b>	September 2011
<b>Released:</b>	October 2011
<b>Production:</b>	112 Cases
<b>Cooperage:</b>	100% French Oak 5 coopers, 100% new

**Aged 18 months in brand new French oak**

### **Winemaker's Comments**

This is the quintessential Merlot for me. The bouquet is so intense and aromatic you almost do not want to drink it. Just revel in the exotic spice and stunningly rich perfume of the wine. The marriage of the fruit and the five very special French oak barrels resulted in the perfect balance of voluptuous fruit and bold structure. Rich and intense, this wine has wonderful balance. Blackberries, dark black cherries and currants are the predominant fruits in this rich, extracted wine. The French oak is the perfect compliment to the fruit, adding hints of chocolate and toasty vanilla tones in the finish. The wine starts with an initial explosion of black fruit, and then opens layer upon layer of rich fruit and spice, to a long and mouth filling finish. *-Kevin*

### **Reviews**

"Deep, bright ruby red with hints of purple. The nose is rich and intense with scents of blackberry, cherries, and red currants in the lead with accents of vanilla soaked oak, nutmeg, and cherry liqueur. The palate echoes the nose with ripe, lush berry fruit at the core flanked by notes of oak, earth, and brown baking spices, Dense and jammy on the long, lingering finish with enough acidity to add vibrancy." *BRILLIANT – BevEx*

### ***AWARDS:***

***SF Chronicle Wine Competition – Silver Medal***

***San Antonio Intl Wine Competition – Silver Medal***