



## MURRIETA'S WELL



*Unforgettable Estate  
Blends from California's  
Livermore Valley*

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## Los Tesoros de Joaquín 2005 Merlot

### VINEYARDS

Our 92-acre estate vineyard was first planted in 1884 with Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cuttings that French grape grower Louis Mel brought to Livermore from Chateau d' Yquem in Bordeaux. The vineyards are planted in a combination of Livermore gravel (rocky soil with excellent drainage) in the flatlands, and a slightly richer gravel soil on the sloping hillside. All of the vineyards are sustainably farmed and hand-harvested in the early morning hours.

### FERMENTATION

Fermented in open-top fermentors, pumped over twice daily. Gently pressed; leaving any possible bitter tannins behind.

### AGING

This Merlot was barrel fermented and aged 24 months prior to bottling.

### FLAVOR PROFILE

This wine has lovely cocoa, blueberry, boysenberry and black licorice aromas. It has mature tannins, and a subtle toastiness that compliments the fruitiness of the wine.

<b>VARIETALS</b>	100% Merlot
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.1%
<b>TOTAL ACIDITY</b>	0.58 g/100ml
<b>PH</b>	3.50

### THE WINERY

Murrieta's Well is named after the legendary gold rush-era desperado, Joaquin Murrieta, who camped by the artesian well on the property on his way to Mexico to sell wild horses. As Joaquin rummaged throughout the Valley rounding up horses to bring back to Mexico, he also searched for other treasures to share with his family and friends. Today we continue this tradition of discovery with the wines of Los Tesoros – the treasures. Los Tesoros are sold only at Murrieta's Well winery and are selected by the founders Sergio Traverso and Philip Wentz as true riches of the Livermore Valley.