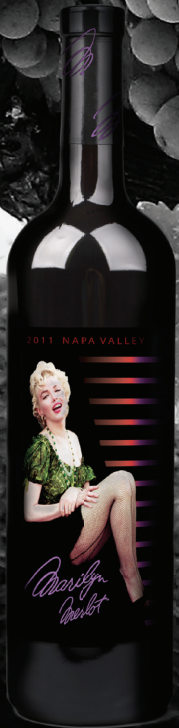
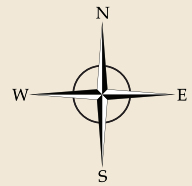


# Marilyn™ Vines

## Napa Valley Vineyards



Collect a Bottle

Gift a Bottle

Drink a Bottle

## History

Marilyn Wines traces its origins to 1981, when a small group of friends started making wine at their home near St. Helena in the Napa Valley. One evening in 1983, over dinner and a bottle of homemade merlot, the concept of "Marilyn Merlot" was born. The wine enjoyed a good deal of popularity around the valley and was often donated to charity auctions and given as Christmas gifts.

In 1985, the playful idea and the fine wine that bore its name led to the limited production of Marilyn Merlot for sale to the public. Over the 27 years, continuing acclaim from critics, collectors, and lovers of fine wine have led to the production of Marilyn Merlot, Marilyn Cabernet, Norma Jeane, the Velvet Collection, Marilyn Blonde de Noirs, Marilyn Red Dress, and Marilyn Sauvignon Blonde, and Marilyn Meritage.

2014 marks the 28th Anniversary of Marilyn Merlot.

## Labels



## Winemaking

Since earning his degree in biological sciences at the University of Oregon, John McKay has spent most of his career in wine. His interest in wine began under the tutelage of Brad Webb, then winemaker of Hanzell Vineyards. His over 25-year career includes production management and winemaking stints at such respected wineries as Charles Krug, Vichon, Merlion and Monticello. John has pioneered such innovative winemaking techniques as sur lie aging of white wines and the use of extended maceration during fermentation of red wines.



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