

NELMS ROAD

2008 NELMS ROAD MERLOT Washington State

Release Date: Spring 2010
Bottling Date: June 8, 10 & 11, 2009
Alcohol: 14.1% by volume
Production: 2,295 cases
Composition: 97 % merlot
3% dolcetto

About Nelms Road:

In 1998, Woodward Canyon Winery began producing wines under its second label, Nelms Road. Nelms Road offers merlot and cabernet sauvignon from Walla Walla Valley and Washington State grapes. It was developed to produce delicious and affordable red wine from young vineyards and declassified Woodward Canyon Winery production. While these wines may be cellared for several years, they are truly ready for enjoyment now.

Description:

This newest bottling of 2008 Nelms Road Merlot reflects the vintage well and is a great successor to the beautiful 2007 wine. The Spring Creek and Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyards were the predominant vineyards in 2008. Add to that some truly phenomenal press wine from some of the oldest and most celebrated vineyards in Washington State such as Champoux and Sagemoor and we can produce an amazing Nelms Road Merlot year after year.

The warm 2008 vintage gave beautifully ripe fruit with deep, sweet flavors of dried black fruit, perhaps cassis and cherry. Complex aromas of graham, oak spices, vanilla and crème brûlée integrate, leading to a long generous finish. The wine is dark purple in color. This wine was bottled early to retain fruit and is quite drinkable for a wine so young. While this wine was produced for early enjoyment, it will improve substantially with additional time in bottle. With proper storage this wine should easily age well for five years.