

WINE EXPERIENCE

DANA POINT



PREMIER WINE CLUB WINTER, 2025

2013 LA JOTA MERLOT, HOWELL MTN NAPA VALLEY

GRAPE VARIETY

91% Merlot, 5% Cab Sauv, 4% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter. Regarded as one of Napa Valley's most influential and accomplished modern winemaker. His work includes Cardinale, Lokoya, Mt. Brave, Caladan, and internationally as the winemaker for Hickinbotham in South Australia.

VINEYARD

The La Jota Vineyard lies high upon a volcanic plateau on Howell Mountain, looking east over Napa Valley.

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes in small, 30-pound boxes to prevent crushing, then hand-sorted. After destemming and light crushing, the must was cold-soaked for gentle color, flavor and tannin extraction. Aged for 22 months in French oak, 60% new.

TASTING PROFILE

Complex notes of mocha, plum, blackberry and a little charcoal on the palate. Subtle, fine minerality gives way to a great velvety mouthfeel that lingers through the sustained finish. 95-point rating, Wine Enthusiast.

RETAIL PRICE

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