



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata 2007 Merlot

If you are new to Fratelli Perata, you may not know that all through the 1990's we were known as a Merlot house. We take this variety very seriously and strive to produce the highest quality possible. Ours is not a wave your hand in the air-just "merlot, please." Ours is rich, with depth, age until your beard grays (as applicable).

This 2007 was proclaimed by Gino as the best in a decade, at least. Since previous vintages have sold out fast enough that many new Wineclub members haven't ever tasted one of merlots, all I can say is to watch out. The tiny vintage of all of California in 2007 will make this wine coveted and in short supply. Besides we'll probably drink a lot of it ourselves. Please drink with the Prosciutto Rollup if drunk young. Please know you can age this one almost with abandon. Just check the cork after 10 years.

Harvested	September thru October, 2007
Brix	24.6
pH	3.46
Fermented	11 days
Pressed	to mostly new American oak barrels and a small amount to neutral barrels
Alcohol	14.4%
Bottled	March 7, 2010
Production	150 cases