



# LE MISTRAL

MONTEREY COUNTY RED WINE

Joseph Phelps, founder of the Napa Valley winery most known for the Bordeaux-style "Insignia," was also a pioneer in California Syrah, producing his first one in 1974 using grapes purchased from the Christian Brothers. He planted some of his own in the Napa Valley and, in the mid-1990s, he also planted Syrah and Grenache on two vineyard parcels on a bench south of King City in Monterey County. Local grape growers farmed the vineyards for over 10 years and in 2008, the Le Mistral Vineyard farmers purchased the vineyard and the Le Mistral brand from Phelps, bringing the production and bottling "back home" to Monterey County.

The name, Le Mistral, comes from the name for the winds of the Rhone Valley in France, where blustery afternoons cool vineyards quickly and produce similar flavors in their native varietals like Syrah and Grenache.

## 2008 LE MISTRAL

Dark and savory with black fruit, dried herbs and white pepper. With a deep red color and intense character, it is spicy with complex layers of dark currant, licorice, red berry and a long, lingering finish.



**LIMITED  
AVAILABILITY  
6PK CASE**

### HIGHLY RATED!

**92** POINTS

**WINE SPECTATOR**

Rich and focused, with a complex array of roasted herb, espresso bean, supple berry, tar, spice and floral scents that are full-bodied, yet graceful and elegant, with the flavors fanning out nicely on the finish. Syrah, Grenache, Alicante Bouschet and Petite Sirah.