



Release Date
March 2013

Appellation

Fair Play

Varietal(s)

Merlot

Brix at Harvest

25.4

Cooperage

French Oak

Alcohol

I4.65%

## SPLASH DOWN MERLOT

2011 Winery by the Creek

## Winemaker's Notes

Our 2011 Splashdown Merlot features fruit grown at an elevation of 3000 feet in the upper reaches of Fair Play that yields a satin, smooth wine. A classic blend of blackberries, blueberries, currants, and a hint of dark chocolate grace the palate as soft, refined oak tannins add to the velvety mouth feel.

## Winery by the Creek

Winery by the Creek is nestled amongst the pine and oak forests of the Sierra Foothills in the small town of Fair Play, California. Its rural setting is breathtaking and serene. Centuries ago, it was home to native Northern Sierra Miwok tribes and later became a thriving mining camp, trading center and agricultural outpost during the Gold Rush. Today, Fair Play is an established American Viticultural Area where world-class wines are handcrafted.