

2010 Coffee Pot Cellars Meritage

The 2010 Meritage is the winery's Bordeaux blend: 52% Merlot, 23% Petit Verdot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged for 20 months in French oak, only 18% new. Sourced from three sites (McCullough, Onabay and Osprey's Dominion), it comes in at 13% alcohol. This projects fine concentration plus excellent focus, beautiful structure and a fair bit of power. It is nowhere near done evolving. Some two hours after opening, the wine in the glass still seemed excellent and developing. With an Old World feel to it (yes, a stereotype; forgive me), it should make a great food wine but it will be less appealing on its own. It should age well and keep improving over the next few years, although I do like to be conservative with drinking windows. There were 535 cases produced.

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2013 Coffee Pot Cellars Chardonnay

The 2013 Chardonnay was aged for six months in 10-year-old French barrels. Sourced from McCullough Vineyards, it is dry and comes in at 13% alcohol. It is also quite beautiful and a fine bargain. Showing a certain richness and lushness on opening due to the oak-impact on texture, while avoiding much oak-impact on flavor, this has a dark and burnished feel to it. The good acidity rises above everything and there is tension on the finish. Complex, fresh and impeccably balanced, this drinks amazingly well at the price point. You can't go wrong here. At worst, it won't stay at peak long, but it should hold nicely for a few years as well. After that, as I like to say, we'll see where we are when we get there, if anyone has any left. There were just 197 cases produced.

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2012 Coffee Pot Cellars Sauvignon Blanc

The 2012 Sauvignon Blanc is unoaked and sourced from Osprey's Dominion Vineyards. Tightly wound and a bit brooding for unoaked Sauvignon, this very focused Sauvignon is aging beautifully. Not particularly grassy, it does have more serious green nuances in the background, with a touch of broccoli, but just a touch. Fresh, crisp and reasonably concentrated, this is in fine shape for its age (considering how many producers make light, drink-me-now-or-else Sauvignons) and should continue to hold well, but let's exercise a little caution and don't hesitate to dive in. There were 168 cases produced.

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