

2010 Waters Crest Merlot

The 2010 Merlot was aged for 20 months in French oak (40% new, the rest second-use). It comes in at 13% alcohol. Classic in most respects, this is a fine ringer for St. Emilion, with elegance in the mid-palate and a somewhat earthy feel rising above the oak-imparted cream on the smooth texture. There is a backbone here, but like everything else it is well-integrated. The whole is very appealing and better than the sum of the parts. It won't strike you as the most concentrated red ever, but it should drink very well, especially as a food wine. There were 50 cases produced.

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2013 Waters Crest Dry Riesling

The 2013 Dry Riesling comes in at 11.5% alcohol. The grapes were sourced from Gold Seal Vineyards in the Finger Lakes, hence the "New York" appellation. Bright and steely with an earthy overtone laced with minerality, this has good body and finishes with juicy fruit. It isn't just an acidic teeth-cleaner. Overall, this is pretty nice and well priced, too. There were 108 cases produced.

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2010 Waters Crest CR

The 2010 CR (standing for Campanhia Rosso) is mostly Merlot, with 15.5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3.5% Cabernet Franc. It was aged for 20 months in 95% new French oak (the rest, new American oak). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. The winery says that this is a special bottling made with only the best grapes in the best vintages; there were just 74 cases produced. That said, I probably had a minor preference for the pure Merlot also submitted. Some of the tart edge that showed up on the Cab Franc reviewed this issue also cropped up here. Perhaps that will get better, because here it is a more subtle nuance. It is still pretty fine overall. Tightening steadily on the finish with aeration, this seems quite elegant in the mid-palate, but it is also very persistent. Aromatically, it seems to be a classic Bordeaux ringer, notwithstanding the Italian ...

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2010 Waters Crest Cabernet Franc

The 2010 Cabernet Franc was aged for 22 months in French oak (75% new, the rest second-use). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. A bit creamy in texture with a tart edge, this nonetheless mostly has a certain, Bordeaux-esque feel to it in demeanor and some of those classic Cab Franc green nuances. Elegant and showing a bit of a real backbone, it demonstrates some finesse. It does not quite have the concentration of the winery's other red offerings this issue, but the somewhat odd nuance on the finish is the bigger quibble. It's still pretty nice.

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