



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2008 "Beau Terre Vineyard" Merlot

Production: 481 cases

Composition: 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1 % Syrah

Vineyards: 96% Beau Terre, 2% Baker and 2% Hansen

Appellation: Oak Knoll and Atlas Peak

Elevations: Valley floor and hillsides.

Cooperage: 35% new French oak, 10% new Hungarian oak and 65% neutral French oak.

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.58, pH 3.71

Release date: June 2011

Release price: \$30.00

### **Vineyard Notes:**

The Beau Terre vineyard, located in the Oak Knoll appellation, is a centerpiece for Doug Hill's accumulated viticultural knowledge. From the row spacing to the trellising, the row direction and the clones selected, everything has been carefully thought-out to give Merlot its best expression. Both the Rausado clone with its great color and sophisticated tannin structure and the 181 clone with its plushy fruit were selected for this Merlot.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

This Merlot offers a rich texture, ripe tannins and seamlessly integrated French oak. The bouquet displays lush layers of ripe plum and black raspberry underscored by notes of cola nut, cassis and spice. On the palate, polished flavors of red cherry and boysenberry are accented by softly textured tannin.