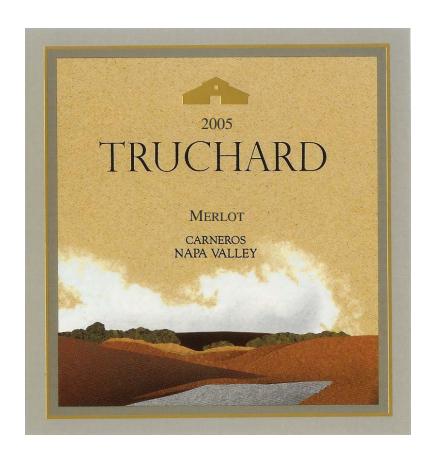
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Merlot Napa Valley Carneros 2005

Merlot lovers will enjoy this moderately priced but fruity, layered merlot. Jammy plum and black cherry flavors mingle with hints of mint and spice.