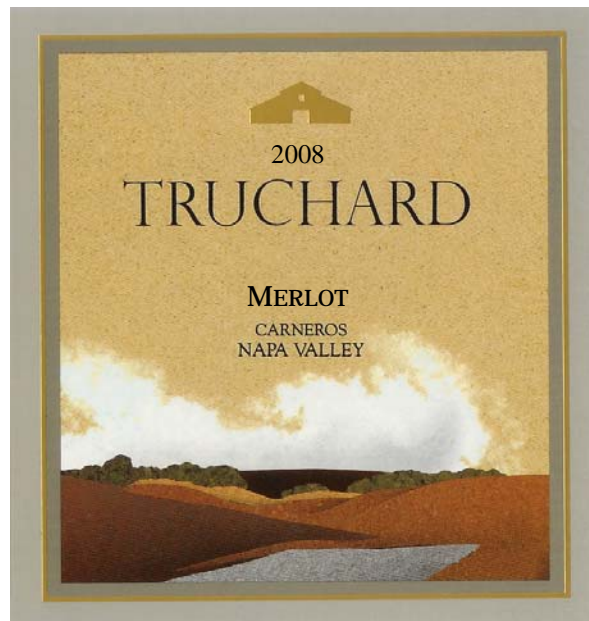




Truchard Vineyards 2008 Merlot

(Four Plus Stars)



Round and full bodied, this Merlot is ripe and well balanced, with an excellent evolution of flavors, and a very persistent finish, tasting of blueberry, cassis, cherry, mint, toast, and spicy oak. Excellent. 25% CF. Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 35% new. 1,250 cases.
**For more than 30 years, Ronn Wiegand has sourced and tasted the world's best wines. He was the first person in the world to hold the Master of Wine and Master Sommelier wine titles.*