

*A Tradition of Sustainable Winegrowing*

**LANGETWINS**  
FAMILY WINERY AND VINEYARDS

## 2008 MERLOT RESERVE



### **A Tradition of Sustainable Winegrowing**

For nearly three decades our family has proudly practiced the art of sustainable winegrowing. Unlike other farming practices, sustainable winegrowing is all encompassing in its approach. We are not only concerned with the health of the vineyard but its surrounding natural environment. In 2006 we opened a winery with our families (all nine are involved) to showcase our passion for growing sustainable winegrapes—because great wine starts in the vineyard. Our 2008 Merlot Reserve carries on this proud tradition of sustainable winegrowing. **-Enjoy! Randall and Brad Lange (The Twins)**

### **Growing Season**

The 2008 growing season had an interesting start. The winter rains were minimal and the spring rains were absent. As a result, we entered the year with drier than normal soils and a long frost season. Several vineyards in Lodi, Clements Hills, and the Delta regions, were affected by the frost, even with all fingers crossed! After those stressful hours in late April, the rest of the growing season was decent. We had cooler and warmer than normal days, but the fruit had a regular pattern for ripeness and the vines behaved as we expected. When harvest came we made certain severe frost damaged fruit that fell below our quality standards was left out of our lots.

### **Vineyard Notes**

Our Merlot Vineyard in the Clarksburg Appellation consistently creates a full structured wine with berry fruit flavors. With the cold evenings and breezy afternoons, the conditions are ideal to create a balanced wine with strong fruit flavors.

### **Winemakers Notes**

Made in a Bordeaux style, our 2008 Reserve Merlot was barrel aged for 16 months in French Oak, giving it an elegant and classy style. The big bold flavors of plum and cherry along with smooth tannins lead to a warm mocha finish.

### **Wine Statistics**

Varietal. Merlot	Appellation. Clarksburg, Ca
Vintage. 2008	Alcohol. 14.2%
Winemaker. David Akiyoshi	Estate Grown
Winegrowers. Randall and Brad Lange	Sustainably Grown

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