

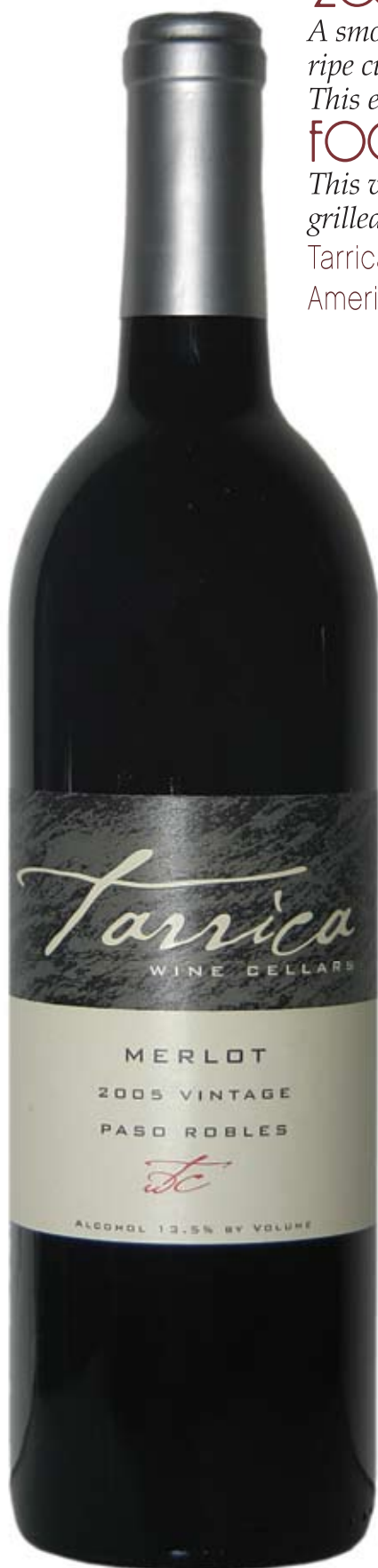
## 2005 TARRICA WINE CELLARS MERLOT • Paso Robles

*A smooth, rich and complex wine with toasty vanilla-caramel aromas wrapped around ripe currant fruit. Balanced, full mouth feel with flavors of berry, leather and tinderbox. This elegant merlot has a lengthy finish.*

### FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

*This versatile wine pairs well with meats like pork, roast chicken and veal as well as rare grilled beef and hearty pasta dishes.*

Tarrica Wine Cellars aged this Paso Robles Merlot in a combination of French and American Oak for 18 months.



### VINEYARDS

Tarrica Wine Cellars sources grapes primarily from the Paso Robles viticultural area, which is ideally situated for growing premium varietal wine grapes. Nestled slightly inland, the warm, clear days are insulated from clouds, fog, and severe winds so sufficient heat reaches the grapes. Following sunset, a marine layer moves over the region and cools temperatures approximately 50 degrees, providing conditions conducive to maintaining outstanding acid structure and overall balance.

Most consider this fluctuation to be a key component to the varietal character displayed in the resulting wines.

**Tarrica Wine Cellars** is a small, family owned winery started in 2000 in the Paso Robles Wine Country. The focus of our winery is to produce value priced wines that are a clear expression of viticultural origin and varietal flavor.

The winery released its first bottled wine in April of 2003. Our wines are available at selected restaurants, markets, and wine shops located throughout the United States.

Established in 1999, the first grapes were crushed in 2000. Tarrica Wine Cellars and Olde Shandon Port Works are the labels of a family-owned winery located in the Paso Robles American Viticultural Area. The name "Tarrica" is a derivative of owners Sam and Valerie Balakian's daughters' first names: Taryn and Erica.

Customer acceptance and awards won at wine competitions have encouraged our growth and expansion.

We hope you enjoy our wines.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

- 100% Paso Robles Merlot Sunnyslope Vineyards
- Harvested September 8th & 9th, 2005
- Wine analysis = 13.8% Alcohol, 0.55g/100mL TA, 3.76 pH

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