



2022 Merlot

Appellation: California (Lodi AVA)

Varietal: 89% Merlot, 11% Petit Sirah

Alcohol: 14.5% **TA:** .49 g/100 ml **pH:** 3.68

Oak Aging: Neutral French oak barrels

Vintage Notes: Merlot grapes for the 2022 vintage were proudly sourced from Lodi Rules Sustainable Green vineyards. Crop size was smaller in 2022 due to heat spikes early in the season, however, harvest was on time and the quality was outstanding.

Tasting Notes: Easy-going aromas of black cherry and bay leaf, balanced with hints of vanilla and plum that linger just long enough after the first sip. Smooth and dry, with midweight tannins. Pair this Merlot with braised meat or barbecue and any pasta dish.

Cycles Gladiator was founded in 2005 with the mission to create high quality, affordable wines that honor the iconic artwork on the label by empowering and inspiring women. Proudly sourced from some of California's top winegrowing regions, award-winning winemaker Adam LaZarre crafts each wine with passion and care from grape to glass.

