


2013 Plagido's Winery Cabernet - Merlot

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A Blend Dry Red Table wine from
USA, Outer Coastal Plain, New Jersey, USA

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com #219 Jun 2015	Mark Squires	87	Drink: 2015 - 2022	(30)

The 2013 Cabernet-Merlot is a blend of 50% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged for 11 months in a mixture of used French (20%), used American (30%) and new American (50%) oak. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. Modestly concentrated, this nonetheless drinks quite well, with good texture and nice focus. Its modest mid-palate gives it a bit of a ceiling and I doubt it will ever show a lot of complexity, but it tastes great, has some precision and a real backbone. It steadily grew on me as it aired. It will make a nice house pour. There were 174 cases produced from 14-year-old vines planted in sandy, loam soil.

This winery is one of the New Jersey entrants (from Hammonton, N.J.) that snuck in. These are actually pretty good and well worth a try. They tend to be a bit lean and intellectual, with attention to structure rather than fleshy, sweet fruit. It makes them pretty nice food wines, although probably not so charming as standalone sippers. Overall, they show some good ideas.