



## 96 Points

Sometimes there is even great value at the high end of your wine purchasing options. Without a doubt, one of the finest California red Meritage wines vintage after vintage is Ferrari-Carano's Tresor. This particular Meritage incorporates all five of the major Bordeaux red grape varieties - Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot - in the blend. The 2002 vintage is a remarkable wine; rich, lush and beautifully layered, a wine that will continue to evolve and improve over the next decade or so. The black fruit aromas and spice notes are as intense and inviting as anything a Napa Valley Meritage can offer, but without the Napa Valley price. But it's not as though the Alexander Valley is Podunk. This is one of the three or four most revered growing areas in the United States for Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot...this wine is a veritable steal.

-- Robert Whitley