## Peirano Estate Vineyards 'The Other' 2009 Red Wine, Estate Grown, Lodi



## **Vineyard Notes:**

Making a truly wonderful wine begins with only the best estate grown fruit from the heart of the Lodi Appellation. We make sure our vines struggle just a bit, through techniques like deficit irrigation, to help concentrate the fruit flavors. Crop thinning, leaf pulling and vineyard management also insure full and proper ripening. We hand harvest into small bins to keep the fruit intact for its trip to the winery

## **Winemaker Notes:**

Once we have received the fruit at the winery, we keep each varietal separate through the entire fermentation and aging process, so each grape can fully express its true character. We then make several blends and sample each one until we have found one that is greater than the sum of its parts. The 2009 blend consists of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 10% Syrah. We found this blend to be the best expression of our little corner of the Lodi Appellation.

## **Tasting Notes:**

One is immediately struck by the vibrant color of this wine. The aromas of blackberries and plums are complemented by spice, toasty oak and cedar notes. Upon washing this liquid across the palate, a wave of sweet black cherries and boysenberries, with a hint of smoky, dark oak lead to a long, totally seductive, finish. A great expression of this variety, this wine will gently knock your socks off. 'The Other' is a perfect accompaniment to a variety of cuisine.

