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January 2026
Two Rouge Club

2020 Merlot, Sutro, Warneke Ranch

Growing Region..... Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, Ca.

Varietal Composition..... Merlot, Trace of Malbec

Fermentation..... Barrel Aging

Alcohol Content..... 13.9%

Suggested Retail..... \$65.00

WineSellar Club Price..... \$53.99

Broad Strokes:

91 Points, Jancis Robinson

From the Winery:

Sutro is a limited production of premium terroir driven wine by Alice Warneke Centro and Elliott Centro. Located in the Chalk Hill area of the Alexander Valley in Sonoma County, their wines are a true expression of the place that holds their hearts. Warneke Vineyards are planted on Pearson on Sonoma Volcanic bed rock with Spreckels loam soils.

The rows running along the bridges of the foothills of the Mayacamas mountains, down to the narrow Russian River Valley, as it makes it spread before heading west to the town of Healdsburg. It is the most exciting spot on the river.

Appearance:

Bigger, heavy style with wide shoulders and a deep punt. The label is most excellent, showing classy styling, easy reading message, straightforward identifiable as a wine from Sutro. The wine is very dark, black, red at the core, crimson on the edges.

Nose:

Quite attractive aromatics, with black cherry and dark berry fruits, suave vanilla oak elements, and a lovely spice character. The deep red and black fruits also send swirls of dark chocolate, coffee/cappuccino and black pepper. Overall, I find the aromatics on this Merlot to be quite sophisticated.

Texture:

Medium to medium full in body and weight. The entry provides good power and solid fruit feeling in the mouth. Rich and round, the tannins are well melded, smooth, integrated, and not a bother. Rich and feeling velvety, it has an absolutely delightful feel in the mouth. The finish is long, smooth, and impressive.

Flavor:

The flavor wheel gets quite a spin with this baby. Much of the descriptors from the nose follow through to the palate: Dark cherry, dark berry, rich vanilla oak and coffee/cappuccino and of course the swirl of dark chocolate.

Serving Suggestions:

This Merlot will last for a decade and a half but can also be consumed in its present state with great enjoyment. Another fabulous wine for your collection.