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2010 Merlot Tasting Notes

Vintage:	2010
Variety:	Merlot
Region:	Lower Hunter Valley, NSW Australia
Vintage Conditions:	Early heat in the Hunter Valley over the harvest period produced very flavorsome white wines, albeit yields reduced by one third. Rainfall then plagued the vintage, but low cropping vineyards produced some very worthy medium bodied red wines.
Vintage Conditions:	The grapes were handpicked in late February 2010 and sent to the winery where they were crushed, destemmed then fermented on skins for 8 days, and then gently pressed off. The wine was matured in seasoned French oak barrels before being blended, filtered and bottled in December 2010.
Colour:	Red with purple hues
Nose:	Aromas of berry, plums and cedar
Palate:	A medium bodied wine displaying fresh berry, violet and cedar flavours. The generous fruit characters on the mid-palate give the wine weight, culminating in a soft tannin finish.
Food Suggestions:	All red meat dishes.
Cellaring Potential:	The Ballimore 2010 can be enjoyed now or confidently cellared for the medium term.

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