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Alhona

This is a small vintner located in the Caramel Valley. The **2002 Merlot**, Caramel Valley, \$32, 265 cases, spent 18 months in American oak and a minimum of 12 months in the bottle before release. It has an inviting bouquet of dry black tea, cedar, and smoke which introduces flavors of weak brewed black tea, red currant, almost ripe raspberry, and smoke plus light tannin. It finishes long and medium-broad. The 2002 Merlot is Alhona's first release and it bodes well for the future.

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