

MARTIN RAY  
WINERY  
2005

*Merlot*

NAPA VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

88% Merlot  
12% Cabernet Sauvignon

RELEASE DATES

September 2007

BRIX AT HARVEST

24.0

ALCOHOL

14.3%

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.64%

pH

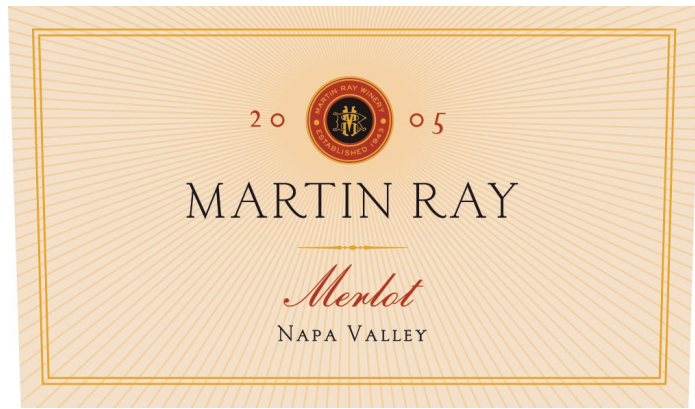
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QUANTITY PRODUCED

2,953 cases

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*Great wine lights a fire in the soul.*

—MARTIN RAY

**THE VINEYARDS** The grapes for our 2005 Martin Ray Merlot are a unique blend of vineyards carefully selected from the renowned Napa Valley, including grapes from Atlas Peak and Stags Leap appellations. The sun-drenched vineyards nestled within this region experience typically brisk, fog-free mornings, accompanied by a consistent temperate climate throughout the growing season.

**VINTAGE NOTES** The 2005 harvest was an excellent vintage for Napa Valley producing moderate crop yields. The slow ripening season without heat spikes contributes to the positive qualities of the fruit: intense color, concentrated flavors and beautiful aromatics. The vintage of 2005 promise wines with elegance, balance and structure.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** Our 2005 Martin Ray Napa Valley Merlot has a deep garnet color highlighted by aromas of ripe cherry, plum and a soft hint of vanilla. Bright, complex flavors of fresh cherry and strawberry are nicely rounded out by rich vanilla oak. The generous flavors echo perfectly through to a deep elegant finish. Aged 20 months in French oak barrels.

**FOOD AND WINE PAIRING** A dish of roasted rack of lamb with rosemary or a tri-tip roast would be an excellent match with this Merlot.