

MARTIN RAY
WINERY
2007

Merlot

NAPA VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

- 87% Merlot
- 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 7% Petite Verdot and Cabernet Franc

RELEASE DATES

August 2009

BRIX AT HARVEST

25.6

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.62%

pH

3.73

ALCOHOL

14.3%

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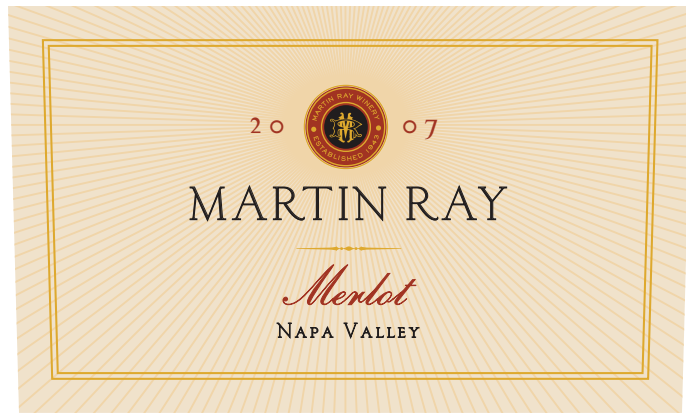
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Great wine lights a fire in the soul.

—MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS The grapes for our 2007 Martin Ray Merlot are a unique blend of vineyards carefully selected from the renowned Napa Valley, including grapes from Yountville 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 2007 harvest was a week or so earlier this year, but fairly quick, compact and with lower crop yields. Early winter rainfall led to an even growing season with moderate weather conditions throughout the year. Although crop size was down, we harvested beautiful fruit which will produce wines with great intensity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our 2007 Martin Ray Napa Valley Merlot has a deep garnet color highlighted by aromas of ripe cherry, black currant and a soft hint of vanilla. Lush fruit flavors of dark plum and fresh cherry 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.