

MARTIN RAY  
WINERY  
2004

*Merlot*

NAPA VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

96% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Sauvignon

RELEASE DATES

June, 2007

BRIX AT HARVEST

25.8

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY

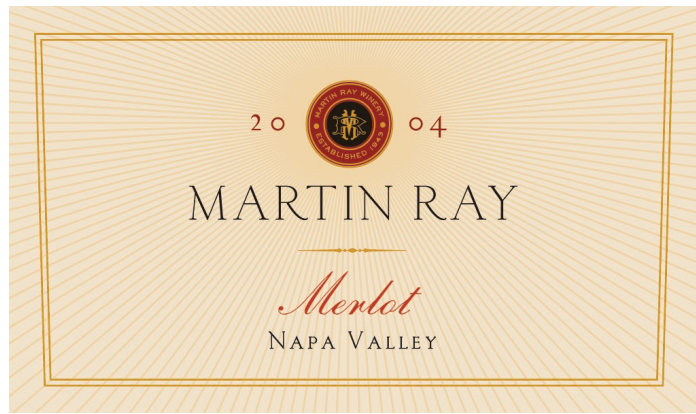
0.57%

QUANTITY PRODUCED

600 cases

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*Great wine lights a fire in the soul.*

—MARTIN RAY

**THE VINEYARDS** The grapes for our 2004 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 2004 harvest was extremely favorable and produced a wealth of high quality fruit. A steady growing season with mild temperatures throughout the year allowed for the grapes to ripen to full maturity two weeks earlier than usual. These conditions, coupled with a rain-free ripening season, have resulted in a vintage of vibrant color, concentrated flavors and beautiful aromatics.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** Our 2004 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 30 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.