

MARTIN RAY
WINERY

2003

Merlot

NAPA VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

79% Merlot

11% Cabernet Sauvignon

10% Cabernet Franc

RELEASE DATES

August, 2006

ALCOHOL

14.6%

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.62%

PH

3.80

QUANTITY PRODUCED

2,900 cases

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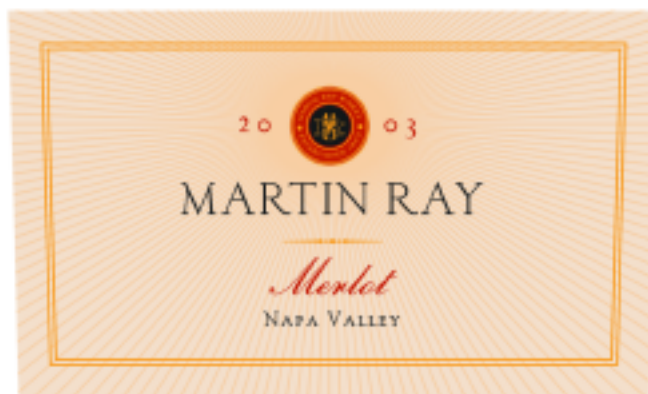
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Great wine lights a fire in the soul.

—MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS The grapes for our 2003 Martin Ray Merlot are a unique blend of vineyards carefully selected from the renowned Napa Valley. The sun-drenched vineyards nestled within this region experience typically brisk, fog-free mornings, accompanied by a consistent temperature climate throughout the growing season.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2003 vintage endured unpredictable weather, resulting in a challenging wine growing season. With warm days and unseasonable rain, the spring and summer months were difficult for the vines. With lower yields and the fruit being able to hang longer on the vine, our winemaker is enthusiastic about the fruit intensity and the depth of the flavors in the wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our 2003 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 and 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.