

HALL

THE NAPA VALLEY COLLECTION



2005 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Our 2005 Napa Valley Merlot is sourced from two of our premiere estate vineyards, Napa River Ranch and Hardester. The Hardester vineyard, with its rugged, low-yielding hillside vines, produces fruit with weight, density and broad structure. By contrast, the dry-farmed valley floor vines of Napa River Ranch contribute rich fruit with lively aromatics and a plush mouthfeel. A small amount of fruit from renowned sub-appellations beyond our vineyard portfolio further enhances the depth and complexity of this harmonious blend.

Intense aromatics of cedar oak are accented by scents of roasted coffee beans and a hint of violets and roses. An open, textured palate of ripe briar fruit, dusty mocha and black pepper finishes with a surge of plum and soft tannin.

VARIETAL	90% MERLOT, 8% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2% MALBEC
APPELLATION	NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARD	97% ESTATE GROWN FRUIT, 3% SELECT VINEYARD PARTNERS
BARREL PROGRAM	18 MONTHS 100% FRENCH OAK, 55% NEW OAK
ANALYSIS	ALCOHOL 14.5%, pH 3.60, TA 5.3
RELEASE.....	MARCH 1, 2008
RETAIL PRICE.....	\$28 PER BOTTLE