

DELECTUS

Vineyard and Winery • Napa, California

2006 Merlot

Many of our fans have referred to Gerhard's Merlot as a "Cab-drinker's Merlot" because it is always incredibly stout and complex. Our Merlot has received enough feedback from a few adoring Delectus fans to make us blush. Kind ratings from the press (the last two Merlot vintages received 90 and 92 points from Wine Spectator), food pairing suggestions, and elaborate descriptors ("smooth as cashmere" is one of our favorites) bring us to the conclusion that Delectus Merlot rocks *and* rolls...

Vineyard: Undisclosed

Appellation: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Composition: 92% ML, 6% CS, 2% PS

Case Production: 425

Release Date: 03/09

Tasting Notes: Vibrant nose of apple-cinnamon, hints of vanilla, Chinese plum sauce, and chalk dust. The palate is youthful, still a bit tight, chewy and velvety with a hint of creaminess. A slight nuance of tartness in the finish stimulates your appetite. This wine should fully open by mid-summer and will reward further short term aging. (1/09)