

# DELECTUS

*Vineyard and Winery · Napa, California*



In 2002, Gerhard created a Merlot-driven blend, **Dog-Gone Good**, to honor the Reisacher's famous (and infamous) family dog, Flash. The loyal pup worked alongside Gerhard in the vineyards, sampling grapes to determine ripeness, and accompanied visitors of Delectus on tours, making sure their experience was filled with laughter and great wine! Flash was such a big part of the winery that fans of Delectus began asking when Flash would get his own label.

On his 10th birthday, Flash got his wine. With the popularity of these delicious wines, two more vintages followed: **2003 Dog In Style** and **2004 Dirty Old Dog**. Each wine is dominated by Merlot, Flash's favorite varietal, and blended with delectable varietals from the Delectus cellar...Each bottle features Flash on the label with his favorite things: Merlot grapes, open fields, and mud puddles!



**DELECTUS** is a family-owned winery that handcrafts premium-quality red wine from select vineyards in the Napa Valley. Delectus prides itself on passion—passion for the highest quality vineyards, grapes, wine, and people. Each and every taste of Delectus wine is an experience, a history, a laugh, a familiarity, and a love for what's good in life.

The word "DELECTUS" is Latin for "ultimate choice" and reflects absolute dedication to excellence. Delectus produces an average of 5,500 cases per year of single-varietal bottlings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah, and Syrah as well as exquisite cuvées of those varietals, such as the highly revered Cuvée Julia and the fun-label and sophisticated Merlot-driven blends: **Dog-Gone Good**, **Dog In Style**, and **Dirty Old Dog**. Delectus' fans frequently cite consistency of quality, distinctiveness of flavor, complexity, balance, and an elegant finish as reasons why they prefer Delectus wines.

## 2002 DOG-GONE GOOD

Flash finally did it! With the persistence of the "canine fan club," Flash celebrated his 10th birthday having his first wine bottled. The label features a portrait of our beloved Flash with his favorite varietal, Merlot. This wine is a serious blend of 62% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Syrah and Petite Sirah.

WINEMAKER NOTES: Aromas of blackberry, pomegranate, and oak. The palate is soft, complex, and has generous fruit. Still very young, the finish is dominated by Cabernet.

## 2003 DOG IN STYLE

This wine is an exquisite blend of 51% Merlot, 29% Cabernet, 14% Petit Sirah, and 6% Syrah. Like its predecessor, the 2002 Dog-Gone Good, this wine impresses us with its intricacy and finesse. The label features a playful photo of Flash soaking up rays in his high-fashion sunglasses amidst a field of red clover...

WINEMAKER NOTES: Aromas of Cointreau, cedar, sandalwood, and black olive with high tones of boysenberry. The mouth features cinnamon, citrus oil and orange rind, ripe plum flavors; the palate is condensed at the core with a polished finish.

## 2004 DIRTY OLD DOG

Flash's third vintage is the last of the Dog Series as Flash passed away in August 2006. The label features Flash cooling off after a long run on the Delectus Ranch by rolling in mud. The blend is 82% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 7% Petite Sirah.

WINEMAKER NOTES: Initial aromas of clove, grappa and blackberry pulp fold into camphor and pomegranate. The palate features juicy cherry, chocolate truffle, hints of clove and a long finish.

